



FRIENDS SPRING NEWSLETTER – JUNE 2017

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Welcome to another info-packed Friends of Busbridge Juniors Newsletter – the final one of this school year and with this in mind now is a good time for the Friends of Busbridge to say a massive thank you to Miss Holmes for all her support, encouragement and total dedication. The Friends of Busbridge are so grateful for all the time, consideration and guidance she has provided the various teams over the years and we're sure that all the past and current parents are with us when we bid you a very fond farewell and wish you the happiest of days and years ahead as you leave us for retirement.

Thank you also to everyone for their enormous efforts over the last few months raising money for the playground improvements. It's so encouraging to see the tangible results of all our efforts in the form of the magnificent 'Boaty' now taking pride of place in the playground - something that all the children and everyone who donated can be really proud of. So onwards and upwards to our next exciting playground projects which are the resurfacing, play areas, line markings and outdoor learning spaces.

If you are interested in being part of a 'Playground Project' team to raise funds through grants and sponsorships, let us know. Also, if you would like to make a donation directly the school will be re-launching its 'Development Fund', which was last used when the year 5 classrooms were being built. Further information about the fund and how you can be involved will be circulated as soon as possible.

FUNDRAISING UPDATE

Bounce for Boaty: Thanks so much to the excellent team of organisers and volunteers. We raised a whopping £2,042 and counting plus £300 gift aid. What an amazing amount – Thank You! **Pamper Evening:** Huge thanks to Tamsin Bowden and her team for all their efforts running the event. The hall was transformed into a luxurious spa and the event was a great success, raising an extremely welcome £430 profit. **Phil the Bag:** This raised £101 and **Easy Fundraising:** £118. Thank you!

What we have spent: Since the last newsletter, £620 has been spent on the new shed and £400 on four much needed gazebos. This leaves an extremely successful profit of £7,200 plus what is raised over the next couple of months to carry through to the next school year.

NEWSFLASH! Excitingly, we are able to reveal that we are just about to hand over £17,500 to the school to pay for the majestic Boaty! Thank you so much for all your efforts and donations over the years which have made this magnificent amount of money possible.

Phil the Bag: The next Phil the Bag is on Thursday 15th June. Drop off will be on the afternoon of Wednesday 14th June - just time for a sort-through of all those outgrown t-shirts and shorts from last summer. Thanks again to Sarah Millar for organising this for us.

Sports Day: This is also on Thursday 15th June. The PTA will be selling drinks and goodies on Sports Day to keep us all in fine voice and ready to cheer the athletes on!

Summer BBQ: Watch out for emails from your class reps about which stalls your class has been allocated for this event, which will take place on Friday 23rd June from 6pm-8pm. Diaries at the ready - there will be a bottle mufti on Friday 16th June and a Sweet mufti on Tuesday 20th June. Both mufti days are for all year groups to contribute to. Just a gentle reminder - all items must be in date and have a good shelf life. With regard to the sweets we must request no nuts and all sweets to be wrapped or in jars – thank you!

Busbridge Friends Needs You! We are saying goodbye to two brilliant PTA members at the end of this term, PTA Chair Jacqueline West and Treasurer Marelise Carpenter. Enormous thanks to them for the hours they have put in for the good of the children. The great news is we have a new Chair and Vice Chair! Emma Calderwood is taking the reins from September ably assisted by Lorraine Collins as Vice Chair. Thank you so much for stepping forward ladies!

However we are still in need of a Treasurer to be elected in September for 2017/18. If you are interested please email Secretary Clare (details above). We are a friendly bunch and would love to hear from you!

The Friends is also looking for a publicist and/or someone who is handy with graphic design to produce flyers, posters and pdfs to go on the school website. If you can help, please contact us.

Dates for your diaries:

Talents Fundraiser: Sale in school on 8th June.

Phil the Bag: Thursday 15th June

Sports Day: Thursday 15th June

Bottle Mufti: Friday 16th June

Sweet Mufti: Tuesday 20th June

Summer BBQ: 23rd June, 6pm-8pm.

Moving up afternoon: Wednesday 5th July

New Parents' Evening: Wednesday 5th July, 7pm – the PTA will be providing refreshments for visitors

Y6 Leavers Party: Thursday 20th July, 6pm-8pm

Busbridge Juniors Quiz night: TBC Autumn term

Easy Fundraising: Just a reminder that whenever you buy anything online you could be collecting free donations for the Friends of Busbridge Junior School via Easy Fundraising. It doesn't cost a penny extra and there is no catch – it's free money for the school.

Here's how it works: 1. Head to <https://new.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/busbridgepta/> and join for free. It takes 2 minutes. 2. Every time you shop online, go to easyfundraising first to find the site you want and start shopping. 3. After you've checked out, that retailer will make a donation to your good cause for no extra cost whatsoever. Easy!

Second Hand School Uniform: Second Hand School uniform for Busbridge Juniors will soon be available to purchase from the Friends. Uniform will be on display in the playground to buy - watch your emails for more information.

Next Friends meeting (AGM) and new officers elected: All welcome in the school hall on Tuesday 19th September from 7pm. It would be great if we could have at least one rep from every class taking part. Do come along – your input is always welcome.

**FAREWELL AND GOOD LUCK TO ALL Y6'S
Y3,Y4,Y5 -SEE YOU IN THE AUTUMN TERM!
THANK YOU FOR READING AND THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR ALL YOUR SUPPORT.
HAVE A GREAT SUMMER!**

