



## FRIENDS SPRING NEWSLETTER – MARCH 2017

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Hello and welcome to another info-packed Friends of Busbridge Juniors Newsletter. There's plenty going on over the next few months to keep us all super busy and move us closer towards what we know the children will absolutely love – a fantastic new playground. Read on to find out more....

### FUNDRAISING UPDATE

**Christmas Fayre:** You raised a whopping £3,504 at this year's Fayre. What an amazing amount – Thank You So Much. **Phil the Bag:** You generated £101.50 from all those kind donations back at the beginning of February. Thank you to Sarah Millar for organising the collection. The next Phil the Bag will be on Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> June - plenty of time for a pre-summer sort out. **Spring Disco:** All those groovy moves on the dancefloor raised an extremely healthy £600. Well done all involved.

**What we have spent:** So far this year the Busbridge Friends has funded £850 towards the new shed (see below). There are plans afoot for some new gazebos...watch this space.

**Update on our new playground:** The school is busy working on exciting plans for the playground, to include new play areas, line markings, outdoor learning spaces, a boat themed climbing frame and development of the pond area and produce garden. At the moment we have about £20,000 available in the Friends funds, but the whole project, including the all-important re-surfacing is likely to cost nearer £50,000. So the idea now is to build the playground in stages, with the first stage being the boat themed climbing frame which could be installed during this summer's holidays.

If you are interested in being part of a 'Playground Project' team to raise funds through grants and sponsorships, please contact Josephine Goodchild on the email above. Also, if you would like to make a donation directly and be part of a potential 'legacy board' please do get in touch.

**Busbridge Juniors Pamper Evening:** Busbridge is about to get even more beautiful! On Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> March from 7pm a pamper evening is planned where local beauticians and make-up artists will come in and offer treatments to parents, with 50% of the proceeds going to the school. There will be a bar and we are looking for helpers to man this and sign people in. Please contact Tamsin Bowden on [tamsin.bowden@sky.com](mailto:tamsin.bowden@sky.com) if you are interested in helping out – and save the date!

**Bounce for the Boat:** With the brand new 'Busbridge Boat' climbing frame firmly in mind, the 4W class reps are organising a 'Bounce for the Boat' on Friday 31<sup>st</sup> March. This will be an event similar to the infant school's 'Bounce for Books', where the children are sponsored to bounce on a bouncy castle individually for one minute as many times as they can. It's terrific fun for the children and should really help boost funds – more information to follow soon.



**New Shed!** Glowing in the distance behind the outside classroom area you may have spotted our super new shed. The shed was delivered on 7<sup>th</sup> February and a team of heroic parents dismantled the old one and assembled the shiny new one. Gigantic thanks to them. The plan is to paint the shed in the style of a beach hut, so we need a team to paint it with a preservative inside and out and then add some funky colour to the outside. If you are able to lend a hand please contact Jacqueline on the email above.

**Craft Items available:** Those busy bees clearing out the old shed found lots of craft items at the back which are not suitable for use in school. Rather than leave it all in the new shed we

would like to rehome it and hopefully raise a few £s in the process. All the items below are available for a donation to Busbridge Friends – please contact Nicky on the email above;

Large selection of jewellery making kit - tools, clasps, wires, big bags of beads etc.

The Art of Crafts - glass painting book

Set of six Marabu Easy marble paints

Marabu fun liner magi pens for textiles, paper etc (six)

Two water based translucent gels for glass, plexiglass, metal, copper, wood and ceramic

Lots of porcelain and ceramic paints

Fabric paint

**Talents Fundraiser** Another fun event we have coming up for the children is the Talents, which will take place over the summer half term holidays. For those new to the school, the idea is that each child who wants to take part is given £3 to create something which they can then sell, raising more money for the school. Ideas range from plants in pots to homemade fudge to various clever crafty items which the children make themselves. Miss Holmes will discuss the fundraiser with the children in assembly - look out for more details via a letter in your school bags.

**Busbridge Friends Needs You!** Very sadly we will have to say goodbye to our fantastic Chair Jacqueline West this July. She has done an amazing job over several years and we cannot thank her enough for all the time and energy she has put in to the role. We are therefore recruiting now for a new Chairperson or persons to steer the Friends Committee forward and take on as much or as little as time permits. If you are interested please email secretaries Clare and Fi (details above). We are a friendly bunch and would love to hear from you!

**Can you help?** We're looking for someone to organise the upcoming Quiz Night as well as a team to run the busy bar. Notes on the event are available for the organiser - please contact Jacqueline, Fiona or Clare on their emails above if you could help.

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 Jacqueline, Fiona or Clare.

**Dates for your diaries:**

**Pamper Evening:** 23<sup>rd</sup> March

**Bounce for the Boat:** 31<sup>st</sup> March

**Adults Skool Disco:** TBC

**Talents Fundraiser:** Summer Half Term Holiday

**Quiz Night:** TBC Summer Term

**Adults Skool Disco:** TBC Summer Term

**Phil the Bag:** 15<sup>th</sup> June

**Summer BBQ:** 23<sup>rd</sup> June

**Y6 Leavers Party:** TBC July

**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:** All welcome in the learning lab on Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> April from 7pm. It would be great if we could have at least one rep from every class taking part so that they can filter all the relevant info back to their classes. Do come along – your input is always welcome.

**THANK YOU FOR READING AND THANK YOU SO MUCH AGAIN FOR ALL YOUR SUPPORT!**

