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Dear parents and carers of Busbridge CofE Junior School

Introducing ...

Our next BIG project to enhance school life for all BJS children:

Our Sport For All MUGA Project

Our vision is to install a MUGA (Multi Use Games Area) on the school field that will incorporate a 6 aside pitch encompassed by an oval running track. The Governors of the school and Friends of BJS PTA are aiming high to raise £95,000 for this project, all of which needs to be collected through fundraising and grants.

It is a big ask, but we can do it if we all help out.

WHY is the Sport For All MUGA Project needed?

Safety –

Our play facilities in school are good, but having another all-weather surface will reduce the number of children on the main playground. We know that this will result in fewer knocks and bumps. It will also make play times even more enjoyable

Sport and Fitness Participation –

- (i) In the last full academic year prior to the pandemic a hugely impressive 92% of your BJS children represented the school in an inter-school sporting activity of some kind.
- (ii) In the same year we achieved the Gold Sportsmark Award in recognition of our performance and participation.
- (iii) Bill Bingham and Clare Parsons run lunchtime sporting activities for the children, and we focus on key cohorts who are less likely to engage in sports and fitness.
- (iv) We have an ever expanding programme of after school sports. Every day we have sporting clubs after school, but there is an appetite for even more variety.

Sporting Excellence –

In the year before the pandemic the school ranked in the top ten amongst all Surrey Primary schools in terms of both sporting participation and sporting success. For a school our size this is a significant achievement. We want to build our reputation in this area so more children participate in a wider variety of sports and more children excel.

But we have a problem ... our school field is simply not up to the job. The grass and soil are being worn away and eroded at a very fast pace. Even after treatment and a period of relative rest during school closures the pitch areas are in a poor way and deteriorating. **As a result we are having to limit the extent to which we use the field.**



Our current sports field cannot support the high level and quality of sport and physical activity that we aspire to.

A Sport For All MUGA will help us by:

- (i) Enabling more all-year round sporting and physical activities
- (ii) Making break times even safer
- (iii) Providing a source of rental income
- (iv) Enabling more sports clubs at BJS
- (v) Enabling us to host more sporting events BJS
- (vi) Still leaving a large area of grass for physical, science and environmental activities
- (vii) Enabling your children to continue being happy and healthy

This project will provide more sport and fitness for all, not just for the sporty.

Our goal is to raise enough in our first year of fundraising to be able to install it in Summer 2022. Let's do it!

The Friends of BJS PTA Summer BBQ on Monday 19th July will be the first of many fundraising events to help us reach the target of £95K. We look forward to seeing you there and having lots of fun together.

Donations can be made at the Friends of BJS PTA BBQ or via our dedicated JustGiving page:

<https://justgiving.com/campaign/busbridge>

Thank you!

Take care.

Yours sincerely



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