



# FRIENDS OF BUSBRIDGE CofE JUNIOR SCHOOL

## SPRING NEWSLETTER – FEBRUARY 2019

Hello and welcome to the Friends Spring newsletter for 2019. We are well into the new term and we hope you are beginning to look forward to the lighter nights and (hopefully) brighter days!

### Fundraising update

Current funds available of £10,000, received donations of £550.

#### What we have raised

- Fireworks event £2,725
- Quiz night £783
- Christmas Fair £3,171

#### What we have spent

- £4,650 funding the purchase of 2 new interactive touch screens for the year 5 classes
- £2,000 (from last year's Bouncing for Books event) on new guided reading books for all year groups

Fantastic amount of money raised last term so a huge thank you to all the organisers, class reps and parents/children for attending, donating and buying!

### The School wish list

At the latest Friends meeting the committee and parents present approved the following further donations

- £50 per class, per term on new books (£1,200 in total)
- £400 on new benches for the environmental area
- £1,385 on the eschools licensing
- £1675 on the licensing for Times Tables Rock Stars, Purple Mash, Secrets, Touch Typing and Twinkle.

For the future, the school is looking into the feasibility of an all-weather pitch so the children can play and have PE lessons all year round outside. However this does cost a lot of money and would be a long term project for the Friends.

### New Committee needed for 2019/20

After 2 years the current committee members are stepping down in July and we are looking for a new Chair/Vice-Chair, Treasurer and Secretary so the Friends of Busbridge can continue. One person can have a role or it can be shared between two people/friends. We cannot stress enough how important your support is to the school as well as the experiences we are able to offer your children, especially in today's climate when school budgeting is becoming more challenging. Please feel free to contact us on [bjschair@busbridge-junior.surrey.sch.uk](mailto:bjschair@busbridge-junior.surrey.sch.uk) if you would like to know more about any of the roles.

### Dates for your diaries

**Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> March** – Children's Disco: Year 3&4 – 5.30 to 6.45pm / Year 5&6 – 7.00 to 8.15pm

**Friday 5<sup>th</sup> April** – Bouncing for books from 9am to 12pm

**Friday 10<sup>th</sup> May** – Phil the bag collection (drop off bags Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> May)

**Friday 5<sup>th</sup> July** – Summer BBQ 6pm to 8pm

## **Children's Disco – Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> March**

We are holding a disco for the children in the hall on Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> March (Year 3&4 – 5.30 to 6.45pm / Year5&6 – 7.00 to 8.15pm). Make sure you send back your slips ASAP to reserve a place and also let us know if you can help on the day!

## **Bouncing for Books – 5<sup>th</sup> April 9am-12pm**

We hope your children are still full of beans by the end of this term, as we will be holding another of our lively sponsored 'Bouncing for Books' events. The school hall will be turned into a soft play zone for the morning as the children bounce as many times as they can on bouncy castles to raise funds to replace old and worn reading books for the classrooms and library. More info and sponsorship forms to follow later in the term.

## **Phil the bag – Friday 10<sup>th</sup> May before 9.30am**

Just a reminder that the final Phil the Bag collection is on Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> May so please drop off bags at school by the bike shed on Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> May after 8.30am or on Friday 10<sup>th</sup> May before school. Please note that Phil the Bag collect on the day of collection about 9.30am so please do not bring bags after this time.

Just a reminder Phil the Bag accept all kinds of adult and children's clothing including school uniform, hats, shoes, belts, handbags, and household textiles including sheets, pillow cases, duvet covers, curtains and towels.

They do not collect blankets, bric-a-brac, duvets, pillows, sleeping bags, rugs, carpets, offcuts of fabrics, tent canvas, ripped or stained clothing or wet items. Also, they are unable to accept towels, bedding, curtains from commercial organisations such as hospitals, hotels etc

## **Summer BBQ – Save the Date! Friday 5<sup>th</sup> July 6-8pm**

This year's summer BBQ is being held on Friday 5<sup>th</sup> July 6-8pm so save the date in your calendars. We will be allocating stalls for the BBQ at the next Friends meeting.

## **Next Friends meeting**

All welcome in the school learning lab on **Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> April** from 7.00pm. The main focus of the meeting will be the Summer BBQ and the allocation of class stalls. 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.

## **The following are additional ways you can help us:**

### **School Uniform**

We are going to be running a summer uniform sale next term but we are in desperate need of any size girl's cardigans and school jumper's size 30. If you have items that you would like to donate to us then please email [2ndhanduniform@busbridge-junior.surrey.sch.uk](mailto:2ndhanduniform@busbridge-junior.surrey.sch.uk).

### **A big shout out for unwanted reading books please!**

If you have any children's reading books at home that have been loved but are no longer wanted and are gathering dust on shelves, please consider donating them to our school. The books should be appropriate for ages 7-11 years and in good condition please.

Each year group has a free reading area in the classroom and these donated books will be distributed amongst the classes to further increase the reading choice and excite young imaginations!

After the half term break, signposted in the hall, will be a drop off point for the books. We will sort them into age groups with the teacher's guidance. A big thank you in advance from Katherine and Helen, Class Reps 4P.

## Easy Fundraising

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. It includes a number of well-known retailers like **Amazon, John Lewis, Tesco, Sainsburys, M&S, Next, Ticketmaster, Tui, Ebay, Curry's, Boden etc...**there isn't much not on there.

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!

We only have 59 supporters but we have managed to raise **£2,270.71** between us, the top of the leader board has raised £443.09 on their own! It's a ridiculously easy way to raise funds for the school so please take a few minutes and sign up.

**Stikins Name Labels** - [www.stikins.co.uk](http://www.stikins.co.uk) quoting the school reference number 3307. The Friends of Busbridge Junior School have teamed up with **Stikins** to offer parents the opportunity to purchase quality labels for your children's school uniform, whilst earning the school 30% commission at the same time! These labels are a great idea, they simply stick onto the clothing wash label. These labels are so easy and permanent. They can even be used in shoes!

### How it works:

Each order placed quoting the school reference number (**3307**) will provide the school with 30% commission. If you use the link on our school website's [Home Page/For Parents/Uniform](#) to order your labels online, the number is filled in automatically for you!

### Committee Members:

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**THANK YOU FOR READING AND FOR ALL YOUR SUPPORT!**

