



Friends of Busbridge CofE Junior School – Smarties Tube Challenge

Dear Parents and Carers

We would like to **invite your child to take part in the Smarties Tube Challenge** which is a new fundraising event to be run by the Friends of Busbridge CofE Junior School. The Smarties challenge has proved very popular in schools and we think it would be a fun challenge for the children to take part in. We're looking to use this event to kick start our funding for the PC upgrades in the ICT suite.

Our ICT Suite is the envy of many schools as you can go in there to teach a lesson and know that the PCs will be there, powered up and ready to go. However, as we know technology moves on. The PCs in our ICT Suite have served us very well for many years but they are rapidly becoming not-fit-for purpose. They are taking longer to load up and becoming less agile at handling what we require of them. It's certainly time for a change. Funding an ICT Suite PC replacement in one go is certainly beyond the school budget, and that is where the help of the Friends of BJS is gratefully received.

The plan is to raise sufficient funds to replace all 15 machines in one go, ready for a grand re-opening for September 2020. The PCs we have our eyes on are ideal for schools. They are quick, agile and compact. The PC unit will be installed to the rear of the monitors, which will make significant space savings in the ICT Suite. It will be easier for children to work together, and enable children to spread out accompanying books and diagrams without the current cramped desk space. The upgrade will have a significant impact on improving our ICT provision in many ways and be of great benefit to the learning of your children. Thank you for your help in funding this necessary upgrade in time for the new school year.

Those children that opt to take part in the Smarties Tube challenge will be provided with a tube of Smarties which will be handed out in school on Thursday 13th February. The children can eat the Smarties but they need to keep the tube. We would then like your child to do small jobs around the house to earn 20ps, collecting their money in the empty Smarties tube. Other coins should also fit in the tube – it doesn't have to be 20p! Young children could tidy away toys, make their bed, or help clear the table after a meal. Older children could wash the car, do some gardening, wash up, or do the laundry. Hopefully it'll give you a chance to put your feet up too! They can do the jobs for anyone, it doesn't have to be you – why not see if Grandma has something that needs doing? **All monies collected should be returned to school by Friday 6th March.**

Thank you for your support with this challenge!

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