



## FRIENDS OF BUSBRIDGE CofE JUNIOR SCHOOL

### AUTUMN NEWSLETTER – OCTOBER 2018

*Welcome to your first Friends of Busbridge CofE Junior School  
Newsletter for the 2018-19 academic year!*

It's great to see some new faces in the playground at pick-up time – welcome on board those parents (and teachers!) who have just joined us – and welcome back to everyone else. We have an exciting term of events planned so keep reading to find out more!

#### Fundraising update

Last year we raised a fantastic £11,292, received donations of £641 and made donations of £14,936 to the school. The donations to the school are listed below

- 5 Interactive touch screens - £11,625
- Books - £1,851
- 150<sup>th</sup> Celebration - £1,160
- Hardship fund - £300

#### The School wish list 2018

We hope with our fundraising events we will be able to look at providing the school with the following items from their wish list:

- Interactive touch screens for the year 5 classes
- Sports Kit for the Lower School
- Replacement headphones for the ICT suite

If you have any suggestions on what our fundraising efforts should also go towards then please do email [bjschair@busbridge-junior.surrey.sch.uk](mailto:bjschair@busbridge-junior.surrey.sch.uk), we would love to hear from you.

#### Dates for your diaries

**Monday 5<sup>th</sup> November** – Fireworks Spectacular 6-8pm/Mufti for sweets

**Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> November** – Phil the bag – Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> drop off for collection Friday 9<sup>th</sup> Nov

**Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> November** – Quiz Night

**Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> December** – Christmas Fayre

#### Fireworks Spectacular – Monday 5th November 6.00-8.00pm

The first event of the year is definitely the noisiest but also the brightest and one that the children really enjoy. This year's Fireworks Spectacular is set to be as exciting as ever – tickets in advance will cost £4.00 per child (4-16yrs), £5.00 per adult or £17.00 for a family of 4 from:

[www.thelittleboxoffice.com/busbridgejuniorpta](http://www.thelittleboxoffice.com/busbridgejuniorpta). Buying tickets early helps us to ensure we have enough goodies for everyone, so go for it!

The children will be allowed to wear **mufti** to school on the day of the fireworks (Monday 5<sup>th</sup> November), in exchange for bringing autumnal sweet treats in such as flapjack, brownies, cookies and popcorn (no nuts please) for the Y4 sweet treat stall.

Your class reps are hunting down parent helpers so do let them know if you will be able to lend a hand. This year, Y3 will be running the bar, Y4 the aforementioned sweet treats stall, Y5 will be organising the security and clear up and Y6 will be helping serve the Hog Roast/Hot dogs/Veggie burgers which again are being cooked and supplied by Two and Half Pigs Ltd.

**NB:** For the safety of all the children we ask that you could please ensure that every child is accompanied by an adult to the Fireworks event.

## Phil the bag – Collection Friday 9<sup>th</sup> November before 9.30am

Just a reminder that the final Phil the Bag collection is on Friday 9<sup>th</sup> November so please drop off bags at school by the bike shed on Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> November or on Friday 9<sup>th</sup> November before school. Please note that Phil the Bag collect from the school on Friday 9<sup>th</sup> November 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

## Quiz Night – Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> November

Put the date in your diary and start to sharpen up your general knowledge skills for a fantastic quiz night. More details to follow shortly but it promises to be a fun night for all!

## Christmas Fayre – Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> December 12-2pm

This is the Friends largest fundraiser and we are still looking for volunteers to help run this event so please contact Emma [BJChair@busbridge-junior.surrey.sch.uk](mailto:BJChair@busbridge-junior.surrey.sch.uk) if you are willing to help and get involved in this festive event.

## Next Friends meeting

All welcome in the school learning lab on **Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> October** from 7.00pm. The main focus of the meeting will be the Christmas Fayre 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:

### Easy Fundraising

With Christmas in mind, 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. 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 56 supporters but we have managed to raise **£2,074.96** between us, the top of the leader board has raised £416.40 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 Uniform 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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**A list of class reps will be confirmed soon.**

**THANK YOU FOR READING!  
SEE YOU AT THE FIREWORKS!**

