

# BPSCA BUZZ

KEEPING YOU IN THE LOOP



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Welcome to this edition of Buzz, in which we are delighted to update you on the fundraising we have achieved with your help this year.

We know times have been hard for a lot of people and we are so grateful for every penny you have donated this year to raise funds for the school.

We've had a lot of fun organising the Christmas Trug Raffle, Welly Walk and Summer Fun Day and these events have raised fabulous totals for our children.

Huge thanks go to our Chair, Lucy Sexton, for all her hard work. Lucy will be stepping down at the AGM in October after many years on the BPSCA, as well as Cheryl McGeorge and Beth Gibson. Thank you ladies for all your hard work over the years!

We'd also like to say thank you to the management team, especially to Miss Williamson as she leaves us this term, for attending our meetings and spending this money wisely for our children. Read on to find out how they have spent this year's fundraising.

**The BPSCA Team**



## Summer Fun Day

We had a brilliant time at the Summer Fun Day and we hope you all enjoyed it. Many thanks to everyone who helped on the stalls and with setting up and packing down – we couldn't do it without you!

It was lovely to see the performances of the Key Stage One and Key Stage Two Choirs, the Country Dancing Club and Year Three with their ukuleles.

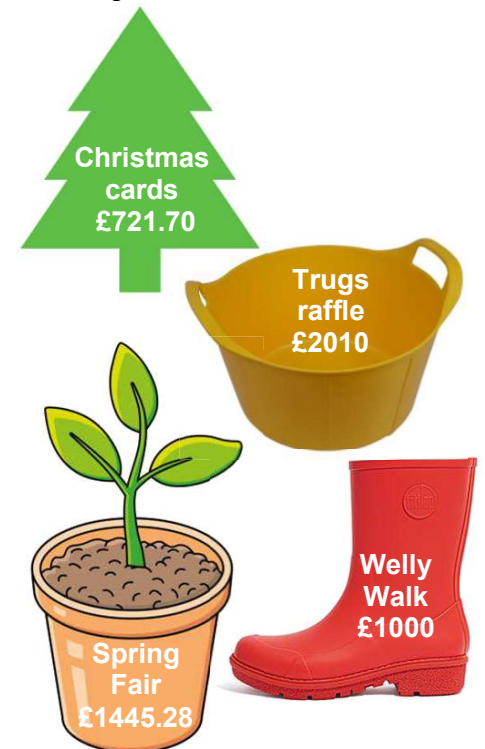
We were disappointed that we were unable to offer food after the fish and chip van broke down the night before, and we will rethink for next year's event. If anyone has any ideas or suggestions, please let us know.

**The Summer Fun Day raised a whopping £ 5095.24**

Thank you to everyone who came along and supported the event, and to all our local businesses who provided sponsorship and prizes.

## Totals this year

During this academic year, with your help, we have raised the following for the school:



Our total from all the events above, the Summer Fun Day and our smaller, regular fundraising is:



## What have we funded?

The fundraising we do has an impact on every child at the school and means the school can provide more for the children that isn't covered in their budget.

This year, we have paid out for

- Playground equipment
- Coronation fun
- Sports Day lollies
- Sats Breakfasts
- School hats for trips
- Ukelele Lessons for Y3
- YR Mobile Farm Visit
- Y1 Tilgate Park Trip
- Y2 Author Visit
- Y3 Wakehurst Trip
- Y4 Science Museum Trip
- Y6 Disco and Leavers' Gifts

We've also paid towards the whole-school pantomime trip and the residential trips to ensure these are affordable for everyone.



Through the Welly Walk, we've also supported local charity and food bank Horsham Matters as well as Breast Cancer Now with £1000 donations to each.

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Over the summer holidays, there will be new playground markings installed and a sensory room has now been fully funded for children with additional needs, which will also be started during August.

## Second-Hand Uniform

We will be collecting clean, good condition uniform during the first week of term, so if your children have grown out of their clothes, please donate them to us.

We'll have a coffee and second-hand uniform morning on **Friday 8 September, 9-11am** in the KS1 hall. All uniform will be free or for a small donation – we are storing so much uniform and we really want it to be used.

## Eco Party pack

Did you know, we have an Eco Party Pack available to hire?

Perfect for children's parties, picnics, summer barbecues and family gatherings - you save money and the environment while supporting the school at the same time!



We just ask that you donate to us the money you would have spent on disposable plates, cups and cutlery.

Available to book throughout the summer holidays and into next term – just drop us an email at [bpsca@billingshurstprimary.org.uk](mailto:bpsca@billingshurstprimary.org.uk) to request your hire dates.



## BPSCA helpers

Our thanks again to everyone who helped at the Summer Fun Day.

BPSCA helpers aren't on the committee but offer their time when they can for events.

We keep our helpers updated by email when we need volunteers for admin tasks and events.

If you'd like to join this mailing list, please email us at

[bpsca@billingshurstprimary.org.uk](mailto:bpsca@billingshurstprimary.org.uk)



## BPSCA committee

If you are interested in joining the committee, we would love to meet you.

Our Chair, Lucy Sexton is stepping down in October and Beth Little will be taking her place. Beth has children in Year 3 and Reception from September so you will find her in both playgrounds each day!

We're also saying farewell to Cheryl McGeorge and Beth Gibson, who have run the Christmas Trugs Raffle so efficiently for many years.

Please consider joining the team to help us raise more money for the school and fund more opportunities for our children.

**Our next meeting will be in the Staff Room, 2-3pm on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> September.** Please come along to find out more.



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