



NEWSLETTER

JUNE 2017 #1

Welcome!

Welcome to our new look newsletter with our new Friends' logo (with many thanks to our talented Friend, Ali Lang, mum of Oscar, 3R, who designed it).

The Friends of Bridport Primary School are parents and teachers who want to help all our children to have as enriched and rewarding a school experience as possible. We come together to create a community that organises events to raise money for valuable activities and resources that the School's budget cannot provide and that are not funded from other sources. We are always looking for new Friends!

Summer Fair - Friday 23 June, 6-8pm

A big event in the school calendar! With games, stalls, BBQ, bar and new this year, bands, the Fair is always tonnes of fun.

To make it a massive success, we need help from lots of people.

This year we really need your help with:

- Finding a local business to donate the **£100 cash first prize** in the raffle.
- Asking your contacts – employers, friends and family – to **donate prizes for the raffle**. You can donate prizes too, just drop them off at the school office.
- **Volunteering** – to help set up or take down the Fair or to man the stands (you can say which stands you do or don't want to be on!).
- Bringing **cakes, biscuits and jolly jars** to sell on the day.

If you can help with any of these tasks or would like a letter from the Friends to help you ask for donations, please contact us bridportpsfriends@gmail.com

Thanks very much and see you at the Fair!

What's Coming Up?

Bags2School (Fri 16 June) - declutter for the summer and raise funds too! Bag up your unwanted clothing, shoes, bags etc. We can now take bags at school the night before too. Too much to carry? Join the Friends' Facebook group for details of a collection service.

Reception Cake Stall (Fri 16 June) - can Reception beat the current leaders, Y1 with takings of £105?! Please make or buy cakes to sell on the stand. **Also, the cake stand needs two volunteers to run it.** It's easy. Contact us if you can help bridportpsfriends@gmail.com

Summer Fair (Fri 23 June) - one of the highlights of the school calendar. See previous article – we need your help!!

New to You Stall (Wed 28 June) - at school drop off. Last one of the year! Uniform donations urgently needed. Please drop items off at the school office.

Leavers' Event (Wed 12 July) – Friends- supported celebration of the school community for our Y6 leavers. A fun and emotional event that the children will always remember. Friends also provide the children's autograph books.

Moves Like Jagger

Disco makes £360!



Last term the children were tearing up the dancefloor, dabbing up a storm and trying to ignore outbreaks of Mum dancing on the sidelines at the Friends Disco. You raised £360 for the children.

Thanks to all the teachers too who stayed to help and to bust some moves!

Fancy a brew?

We'd like to be able to run a tea and coffee stand at Sports Day. But we've got no power to heat water – does anyone have a camping kitchen, small generator or catering-sized thermoses we could borrow? Let us know bridportpsfriends@gmail.com

What are we raising money for this year?

Some of the things we are fundraising for this year include a trip to **Poole Harbour Challenge - an outdoor activity and adventure centre**, **Book Week events**, **library furniture**, **iPads**, **travel costs** for trips to ensure every child can participate, a **maths learning day**, **Christmas parties** and a **visit from a travelling pantomime**. Plus, 10% of everything we raise this year will go to **the School's fund to improve the school playgrounds**.

This year **every** child has already benefitted from subsidized transport for an activity thanks to the Friends.

How are we doing?

So far this year, together we've raised around **£3,000**. Pretty good but the more we raise, the more we can spend on the children. We hope the rest of term's activities will take us over the £4,000 mark! We can do it!



I'd love to be a Friend but I.....

...struggle to get a babysitter

...can't or don't want to come to meetings/be on a committee

...can only spare an hour or so over the year

No problem! You can still be involved!

We have jobs for everyone. You can help even without leaving the house – donate school uniform, prizes, wrap gifts from the Friends to KS1, give just one hour a year to help set up a Fair or give us two hours to man a stall or make a phone call to a contact to get a prize donated.

You don't have to make a commitment and you can just help once, if that's what you want to do. **We often ask for help on the Friends' Facebook page. Contact us we will add you to the group.** (It's a closed group for the privacy of the children.)

Very Special Thanks to....

Donna Pitfield, parent and TA at BPS who has done an amazing job as our Treasurer over the last five years, as well as just generally being an amazing Friend to the school. With her youngest now at Colfox, she's ready to hand over the job! Thanks again Donna. If you're interested in finding out more about the role, please contact us for a no strings attached chat about what's involved!

Meet a Friend – Marie Martin



Marie joined the Friends last year. She has a daughter, Sita in Y1.

"I got involved with the Friends after hearing a talk from a Friend at the new to the school parents' evening. It's great to be involved with the school, raising money so the school can offer more to my child and to get a sneak peek behind the scenes! There's a family tradition of being involved with school associations. My Dad was part of the PTA from when I was in infant school right through to secondary when I grew up in France. The first thing I did was the Christmas Fair helping on a stand. More recently I've been getting donations and looking after the parent letters from the Friends. I was worried it would be a bit cliquey, but it's not and I've found my place quickly. I just do bits and pieces - what I can around the kids - I'm not the most organised person but it still seems to get done! I'd really like to see the Friends thriving and creating a sense of community for the whole school, setting a good example for the children of can be achieved when people work together."

FRIENDS' CONTACTS

If you can help or have any questions at all about the Friends, get in touch. We'd love to hear from you.



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Ask us to add you to the Friends' Facebook Group



Leave a message in the Friends' box in school reception

Or just stop one of us and ask!



Jacky Horniblow (Acting Chair)



Marie Martin (Vice-Chair)



Morag Fleming (Secretary)



Donna Pitfield (Treasurer)