



AUTUMN NEWSLETTER 2023/24

Welcome

Hello to everyone and a warm welcome to all new parents/carers.

Welcome to the Autumn Term PTA Newsletter. Each term there will be a PTA Newsletter updating you about funds raised during the year and information of where the funds are going. Alongside, in a separate attachment, you will find details of upcoming events and a Calendar of Events which shows the annual programme of events and dates for your diary.

There is a new PTA Committee this year who have a great deal of enthusiasm, putting the 'Fun' into Fundraising, and are very much looking forward to continuing the great work that has been done by our predecessors. Supporting the committee are the Class Reps without whom the PTA simply would not function. And a big continued thank you to all volunteers for giving your time to make events possible for another year. If anyone would like to help in anyway, please see 'Ways to Help!' and do contact us at emails below.

What is the PTA ?

The PTA (Parent and Teacher Association) is group of parent volunteers who work together to make the school a better environment for children to learn. They help keep the flow of information between the school, teachers and parents.

Every parent or carer at the school is part of the PTA - it is not an exclusive club!

Another key function of the PTA is to help the school raise valuable funds, as well as to garner school community spirit. This would not be possible without the generous donations made by school families, but also the parent volunteers who help out at our fundraising events. These fundraisers are vital in supporting the school with much-needed equipment and school improvements to further enrich the early-years education of our children.

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Why Fundraise ?

Busbridge Infant School is part of the South Farnham Educational Trust and, since joining in April 2022, the school has benefited greatly from financial investment with a new-build project and improved technology, amongst other benefits which come from being part of a family of schools. These improvements bring the building infrastructure up to level expected from an 'Outstanding' school. However, to sustain the memorable and enjoyable experiences for all children, in other words the 'icing on the cake' element, is where the funds raised by the PTA come in because these experiences are not included.

The money raised by the PTA goes directly back to the school and funds educational experiences, such as the Pied Piper Christmas Performance and Author Visits during Book Week. Previous fundraising projects have included The Nest learning space, the woodland area, additional Little Wandle resources and a climbing wall on the field (plus many more!). This year, the PTA will support the school in the redevelopment of the early years outdoor area to create a much-needed improved safe and inviting learning space which the children love to use and help make it the special school that it is.

Ways to Help !

With all your help we have the ability to help raise important funds for the benefit of our children and there are many different ways you can support, such as :

- Financial donation. If you would like to support the PTA but are unable to spare time and resources, we welcome both regular or one-off payments via BACS, with the reference
DONATE to: Busbridge Infant School PTA
Sort-code: 30-93-49
Account: 01674082
- Donating your time as a committee member, class rep, event organiser, crafter or using your skills, for example fixing a shed roof for us.
- Making a donation through your company or business (as a registered charity). Contact us for more details on this.
- Signing up to Easyfundraising and smile.amazon.co.uk. It is literally free money for the school when you shop online via these portals!