

# BPSCA BUZZ

## KEEPING YOU IN THE LOOP



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It's been a long term and we are all looking forward to a well-earned break so grab a cuppa and take a few minutes to relax over this festive edition of Buzz.

As always we have lots to share and celebrate, not least the completion of the fabulous new KS2 library.

We have news on our participation in the Horsham District Community Lottery, updates on all the fundraising activities that have taken place along with a round up of spending this term.

There are important dates for your diaries including a ray of sunshine as we start to plan for the Summer Fun Day!

Our enormous thanks go to everyone who supports our fundraising efforts, enabling the children of Billingshurst Primary to benefit from so many extras that the school budget simply can't afford to meet.

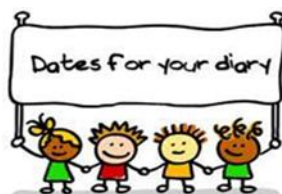
Happy Christmas!



**Clare Roberts &  
The Entire BPSCA Team**

### Coming in 2020

Don't miss a 'date' with any of our fundraisers – pop them in your calendar now:



#### 2020

<b>Coffee &amp; Second Hand Uniform</b>	<b>Thurs 23<sup>rd</sup> Jan Fri 1<sup>st</sup> May</b>
<b>Welly Walk</b>	<b>Fri 7<sup>th</sup> Feb</b>
<b>Quiz Nights</b>	<b>Fri 7<sup>th</sup> Feb Fri 15<sup>th</sup> May</b>
<b>Children's Quality Sale</b>	<b>Sat 7<sup>th</sup> Mar</b>
<b>Film Nights</b>	<b>Mon 30<sup>th</sup> Mar Thurs 16<sup>th</sup> Jul</b>
<b>Spring Fair</b>	<b>Thurs 2<sup>nd</sup> Apr</b>
<b>Summer Fun Day</b>	<b>Sat 20<sup>th</sup> Jun</b>
<b>Sports Day Cafe</b>	<b>14<sup>th</sup> &amp; 15<sup>th</sup> Jul</b>

**WORLD'S BIGGEST  
COFFEE MORNING**

MACMILLAN  
CANCER SUPPORT

On Friday 27<sup>th</sup> September the KS1 hall was buzzing with chat as the BPSCA team joined the national fundraising effort in aid of Macmillan Cancer Support.

Thank you again to everyone who came along to support this fantastic cause.



We will hold another coffee morning along with second hand uniform sale on 23<sup>rd</sup> Jan followed by an afternoon event on 1<sup>st</sup> May, both raising funds for BPSCA.

If you have jumpers or cardigans with the school logo on that are in good second-hand condition and are no longer needed, we would be grateful for donations to be left at the front office.



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The Horsham District Community Lottery is live and BPSCA is a registered 'good cause'.

Since the first draw on 28<sup>th</sup> Sep, 28 BPSCA supporters have won prizes with one of our lucky players winning £250

We were extremely grateful to recently be donated two brand new Series 4 Apple Watches by local business Climachill, one of which we decided to use as a lottery prize.

Our sincerest thanks go to Paul and Samantha Goldstein for their generosity and congratulations to the lucky winner, Ryan Vermaak.

We look forward to presenting another lucky winner with the second watch at the Summer Fun Day!



Paul (right) presents Ryan with his prize

  
www.Climachill.co.uk  
**Climachill**  
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So far the lottery has **raised £644.50** for BPSCA thanks to players purchasing well over 100 tickets per week.

**Taking part is easy and costs just £1 per week, 50p of which goes straight to BPSCA. In return for your support you'll have the chance to win up to £25,000 cash every week**

Register to play using this link:

[Click Here To Support BPSCA](#)

or visit  
[www.horshamdistrictcommunitylottery.co.uk](http://www.horshamdistrictcommunitylottery.co.uk)  
and search for  
Billingshurst Primary School

Play by 21<sup>st</sup> December to be in with a chance of winning a Bonus Draw Christmas Hamper worth £100. See the lottery website for prize draw t&cs.



## Christmas Cards

Continuing the Christmas theme, we're sure the teaching staff were less than delighted when we asked them at the beginning of October to schedule some time for the children to design Christmas cards. However, they embraced our request with good grace (and gritted teeth) whilst attempting to keep the levels of festive excitement amongst the children to a minimum!

Seeing all the children's hard work on their designs is really heart warming and we thank everyone who placed an order for cards, mugs and coasters.



## Children's Quality Sale

A staple in our fundraising calendar, not only is the CQS in keeping with our school's eco-friendly ethos by connecting sellers with buyers of quality second-hand goods but it allows us to also support our wider community with a share of the profits being donated to **Chestnut Tree House Children's Hospice**.

- ✓ +60 sellers from Billingshurst and beyond
- ✓ 1,000s of items for sale
- ✓ Best second-hand quality and some new with tags
- ✓ Shop layout – like items grouped by department
- ✓ All items individually priced
- ✓ Sale volunteers on hand to help find specific items
- ✓ Sellers receive 75% for items sold and 25% benefits the charities
- ✓ £1 per adult sale entry fee

**October's sale raised £732.06 for BPSCA and £431.61 for Chestnut Tree House**

Seller registration for the March sale opens on 25<sup>th</sup> January.



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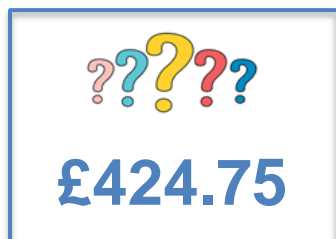
## Quiz Night

At November's quiz night we welcomed teams both new and not so new.

Brains were sternly tested during a night of rather tricky questions where laughter really did get everyone through. We will do our best to tone down a few of the questions in February!

Congratulations once again to "Just The Four Of Us" who returned to winning form.

**Thank you to all the teams who took part and raised:**



Tickets for the next quiz night will go on sale towards the end of January.



## Have you hired our Eco Party Pack yet?

It's been travelling around the village to parties, a barbecue, picnic and holiday club. It's a great way to support the school and save the world at the same time!

Whilst ideal for children's parties, here are some other ideas for using it that you might not have considered:

**Toddler groups – Teddy Bears Picnic**

**Cupcake or biscuit decorating with kids – plenty of bowls and plates to put decorations in**

**Festive family tea parties**

**Get to know your neighbours – mince pies and mulled wine easily served with the Eco Party Pack!**

**Office Christmas Drinks – nothing can get broken when you've had one too many 😊**



The Eco Party Pack is available to hire for a small donation (we suggest the cost of disposable partyware).

The Pack contains:



- ✓ 36 plates, bowls & cups
- ✓ 36 sets of cutlery
- ✓ 2 large jugs
- ✓ 4 large bowls
- ✓ 4 large plates
- ✓ 2 trays

## Would You Like To Join Us?

At our recent AGM, we welcomed most of our existing members back onto the BPSCA committee.

However, our Secretary, Natalie Hall stepped down following the departure of her youngest child to Secondary School and we welcomed Rosie Silvester into the role.

We've also very recently said goodbye to Rachel Hairs and Melissa Stevens, both of whom have been very active members of our committee.

The team would like to say a huge thank you to all three for their time, energy and enthusiasm – we will miss you all.

We would love to welcome new members to the team so if you are interested in helping shape the work of BPSCA, please reach out to us on Facebook, Twitter, email or good old-fashioned chat at the school gates!



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# Christmas Trug Raffle



The Christmas Trug Raffle has established itself as one of the main highlights in our fundraising calendar. This year we had a fresh new poster and letter design courtesy of Ian Mitchell (thank you Ian!).

Whilst the children all want to win the **£50 "Best Trug" class prize**; parents, carers and staff simply want to win a trug.

This year's Trug Raffle was once again sponsored by Henry Adams and we welcomed Billingshurst Branch Manager, Ben Budgen to take on the very difficult task of deciding the winner of "Best Trug".

Ben's job was not easy at all. Every trug was incredible and bursting with goodies. There were reindeers pulling sleighs, a chimney, Santa's grotto, a Santa with a sack full of goodies to name a few; and so many beautifully made decorations by the children.

After careful deliberation, Ben awarded the **"Best Trug" prize to Russia class** for their eco inspired creation. Their trug carried a message encouraging everyone to do their little bit to help the environment. Using only scrap paper and recyclable materials to decorate their trug, each child also wrote an individual environmental message to the winner. Huge congratulations to Russia class!

**2<sup>nd</sup> place was awarded to Holland class** for their 'On The Trug Day Of Christmas' creation that included among other things,

7 yummy chocolates, 6 golf trees, 5 rolls of wrap, 4 mini cocktails.....you get the gist!

**3<sup>rd</sup> place went to Germany class** for a beautifully presented trug adorned with German flags.



**Ben with Beth & Cheryl from BPSCA along with the 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> placed trugs**

With thanks to our sponsor:



**BEST TRUG WINNERS  
Congratulations RUSSIA**

Whilst the children were busy decorating and filling their trugs, the BPSCA team got to work selling raffle tickets through book bags, at school drop off, before the Christmas performances and even to anyone willing to purchase one as they left the school's polling station on 12<sup>th</sup> December.

Whilst the poor weather forced the cancellation of Carols In The Car Park, more sales were made in a bid to win one of the top three trugs whilst we handed out mince pies on Monday afternoon.

Huge thanks to everyone who helped fill the trugs and bought raffle tickets. Congratulations to all the lucky trug winners!



This year we once again collected donations for **Crawley Open House** and a car boot full of goodies was delivered last Friday.

Thank you for your generosity in helping this local charity to support the homeless and disadvantaged this festive season.



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## Nativity Joy

On December 9<sup>th</sup>, we were joined in school by senior members of our village community who enjoyed watching the Reception children's Christmas performance.

Thank you to everyone who kindly delivered invitations, provided sandwiches and cakes or helped out on the day so that we could treat our visitors to afternoon tea following the show.

We thought we would take this opportunity to share one of the messages of thanks:

**This afternoon, I was invited to see the Reception Class Nativity Play at the Primary School with others of a certain age! The audience of pre-school children from 3 playgroups were as good as gold and we all enjoyed the nativity.**

**I have an earworm of "Bumping up and down on a camel" going round and round. The children were splendid; for me and others it is a really lovely start to the Christmas season. My personal thanks go to the School and to everyone who put so much effort in to this, and for the afternoon tea they presented to us.**

**Billingshurst parents should be rightly proud of their young ones.**



## Loving The Library!

As the Summer term ended, there was an enormous effort by the staff to empty hundreds of books from the KS2 library shelves as Mr Fish prepared and painted walls in readiness for the fitters.

Having committed £16,000 to the library refurbishment, we were eager to see the outcome.

On our return in September, Miss Williamson greeted us with the most enormous smile and proudly showed us the transformation.



We love the result, now complete with enchanting fairy lights!



This project could not have been possible without all the funding support given by parents, carers and local businesses so a massive thank you again for your generosity.

We are now almost halfway towards our fundraising target for the KS1 library refurbishment which we hope to realise in 2020.

## Spending Summary

No Buzz would be complete without a summary of our outgoings for this term. We spend a huge amount of time raising money and it's important that you know how it's being allocated and spent. As is often the case in this first term back, our outgoings have been minimal but we have earmarked available funds for a number of activities:

Year 2 enjoyed a Polar Regions Workshop in early October, partly subsidised by BPSCA. Each year group has been allocated £400 to spend on trips and class resources this year.

Year 3 Ukulele lessons will be fully funded by BPSCA at a cost of £3,960.

£960 has been set aside to cover the cost of the Year 6 Leavers Disco and gifts.

With Years 3 & 6 benefitting from two dedicated activities, we will make available a further £1,250 across the other year groups to use as they wish.

£750 will be contributed towards dedicated Science, English and Maths weeks.

£400 has been allocated for playground toys and £150 for class rewards.

All of this is in addition to almost £4,000 for outdoor project work and well over £5,000 already accrued for the KS1 library.



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