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Dear Parents & Carers

Welly Walk – Friday 18th February

In February we will be holding our 5th annual Welly Walk which once again will be raising funds for our school and another charity. Past Welly Walks have raised a combined total of £16,631.17 for BPSCA, Chestnut Tree House Children's Hospice, Alzheimer's Society, Hearing Dogs for Deaf People, Cancer Research UK, The CoCo's Foundation, WWF-UK Australia Appeal and Station Road Gardens. It's an incredible amount of money and we thank you for your generosity.

This year, half of the money raised will go to BPSCA and the other half to BEAT (Billingshurst Emergency Assistance Team). We thought you would like to read a little bit about the charities' activities.

BEAT (Billingshurst Emergency Assistance Team) – registered charity number 1119641

BEAT (Billingshurst Emergency Assistance Team) who are a group of volunteer Community First Responders who are trained volunteers who attend local 999 calls in conjunction with the Southeast Coast Ambulance Service. They provide a quick response to life-threatening 999 emergencies and can provide vital first aid treatment prior to the arrival of an ambulance. In rural areas a local Responder can often be on scene much sooner, with equipment that can greatly improve the patient's chance of survival. The team has also set up many public access defibrillators in the area, including at Billingshurst Primary School. Any funds raised will go towards maintaining the teams public access sites.

Currently the calls BEAT Responders attend include:

- Cardiac Arrest
- Respiratory Arrest
- Chest Pains
- Breathing Difficulties
- Collapse
- Fitting
- Shock or Allergic Reaction
- Hypo or Hyperglycaemic Attack

The Welly Walk is a terrific opportunity for us to get out of the classroom and into the fresh air for a bit of exercise and lots of fun along the way. We will be sending sponsorship forms home in book bags on Friday so please look out for them.

Please then make your donation via <https://www.justgiving.com/bpsca> or return the Welly Walk sponsorship form with all sponsorship collected in an envelope to a member of the BPSCA team at morning drop off on 16th, 17th, 18th February & 01st, 02nd March 2022.

Every pound and penny donated counts so please do support us if you can and don't forget to ensure that your child has their wellies in school by Thursday 17th February!

Thank you
Lucy Sexton and Bex Thurston, BPSCA Joint Chairs

