

Friends of Biggin Hill Primary School

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Your school needs you!

Welcome to the new term, in particular to our new reception.

For those unfamiliar with the 'Friends' (in some schools called PTA) our objective is to support the education of the pupils in the school by engaging in activities such as fundraising, to provide and assist in the provision of facilities and services not normally provided by the Local Education Authority. All of our events rely on the goodwill and support of our parents. It is only through YOUR support that we can raise the money needed by the school and give benefits to YOUR children.

Last year's events raised **£23,000**. For a school of this size, I am sure you will agree this is a great achievement. The bulk of this was donated to the school and was spent on PE equipment * DT / Art & special needs * Water Stations * Playground painting, toys & equipment * Subsidies for year 5 swimming and trips away from school * visiting workshops * pantomime * visit from Santa * mosaic for the school entrance * EYFS new play area * Plants for refurbished pond & shelter * repairs to the adventure trail * life bus & more.....

The planning for this year's fundraising events is already under way. Some of the events proposed for this year are:

Sponsored Bounce - 10th March (KS1) * Easter Raffle - 26th March * Sponsored Events - May 1st (KS2) * Summer Fete - 13th June * Year 6 leavers party - June * Termly Discos * Family Firework Display * Pantomime * School Uniform Shop

How can you help?

- Take a committee role
- Support the committee by attending meetings
- Join a sub-committee e.g. Fete / Fireworks
- Help run the School Uniform shop
- Volunteer to help run a stall, ticket selling, making phone calls, sending out letters e.g. raffle prize requests, sweet sorting, poster design / making, publicity, shopping.
- Or by talking to your / your partners employer about £ for £ matching or charity giving. Most companies offer some kind of support to employees involved with Charity work.
- Do you have a profession or have contacts that may be useful to the friends? Examples would be building, carpentry, plumbing, access to vans, printing etc.

We desperately need more help, especially for the Fete sub-committee ASAP, without further support we will be unable to provide an event on the scale of previous years, if at all. Also is there anyone that is able to help us with posters and other printing e.g. raffle tickets for our Easter raffle, posters for our events? (We do have templates if that helps!)

Our next Friends meeting will be held **on Wednesday 11th February at 8pm**, venue to be confirmed so please leave contact details in the office if you would like to attend. The March meeting will be held in the staff room on **Tuesday the 21st at 2pm**. All are very welcome, every parent of a child in the school is automatically a member of the 'Friends', every child benefits from the work that the 'Friends' do. If you are interested in helping out in any way, please complete the slip and hand into the main office or email us at **fos@bigginhill.bromley.sch.uk**

We would also like to remind you of our **www.buy.at/bigginhillschool** shop. By using our webshop, at no extra cost to you, the retailer will give the 'Friends' a percentage. There are now over 150 retailers, travel and finance firms that have committed to share their profits with us....remember every purchase must be made through our webshop. So why not make **www.buy.at/bigginhillschool** your home page and make every purchase count?

Please support your children and their school, there has never been a more exciting time to get involved!

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I am interested in:

supporting the School Uniform Shop

taking a committee role / subcommittee role (e.g. fireworks)

supporting the 'Friends' other

£ for £ or company giving

Payroll Giving

Please contact me with more information. NAME:

..... TEL:

Child's Name _____ Class _____

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