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31st Annual Easter Parade



Dear Parents and Carers,

We are holding our annual Easter Parade on Thursday 4th April and are hoping that the weather stays fine for a spectacular event!

Our theme as always is to wear an unusual Spring hat or Easter bonnet and this year's event will be sponsored by Tradewind Recruitment who will be judging and providing prizes.

Our Parade is planned to leave school at 10.00am. We will walk towards Village Road, across Holderness Road and back towards The Kingston Shopping Centre where we will re-cross Holderness Road and return to school. We will be joined by members of the local Neighbourhood Policing Team who ensure our safety and without whom such an activity would be very difficult.

Please support your child by helping them to make a Spring or Easter bonnet and support the school by donating along Holderness Road during the Parade.

This year we will be collecting donations towards the school fund. The school fund not only helps us to hold events and offer extra-curricular activities at a reduced cost to all of our pupils but also opens up opportunities for other areas of development. In recent years donations towards the school fund have helped raise funds for a school library and the installation of a Trim Trail.

This year we are looking to raise funds towards the development of the outdated and unused shower block. We would like to raise funds for this space to be adapted into a Hub for use by the school, its pupils and families and also by the local community and what better way to kick start this particular project than with our 31st annual Easter Parade fundraiser. As the project will be focused on developing a Hub fit for use by the school community we would like to ask you for your thoughts regarding the project and would be extremely grateful if you could share these with us to help get the project off the ground!

Miss Archibald and Mrs Elder are hoping to work with as many parents and carers as possible, to not only maximise funding the project but to also ensure the Hub really does benefit the whole school community and would love to hear your thoughts as part of this process.

If you are interested in helping with this project, please complete the attached form and return to the school office by Monday 25th March.

We look forward to seeing you at what promises to be a fantastic event which has been enjoyed by children and adults attending this school for over 30 years!

Yours sincerely

Miss P Hillman
Principal



" Giving parents a voice - a say on school matters and involvement in decision-making on issues that affect them - enables schools to meet the needs of the communities they serve more effectively."

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In May 2015 PTA UK commissioned a YOUGOV poll to 1000 parents and found that 79% of parents wish to actively support their school. So the question is: how can we harness this at Buckingham Primary Academy to positively impact the creation of a school community Hub?

We would like all parents and carers to be involved in one way or another, whether that's volunteering your own time, suggesting local businesses to approach for donations or expertise, offering your own thoughts throughout the planning process or using the Hub once it's up and running!

We will be looking to hold various fundraisers to generate income for the project and will put in bids to various funders including the National Lottery Awards for All which offers funding of between £300.00 and £10,000.00

The National Lottery Awards for All has three funding priorities. We believe that through parental engagement we can meet all of the priorities;

- Bringing people together and building strong relationships across communities
- Improving the places and spaces that matter to communities
- Enabling more people to fulfil their potential by working to address issues at the earliest possible stage

By giving parents and carers a voice the project decision making process can be influenced by issues that affect you and provides the school with an opportunity to meet the needs of our pupils, their families and the school community more effectively.

Below are a number of questions that we feel would help kick start the planning process.

Name _____ Parent/ Carer of _____

Would you be interested in supporting the project by sharing your thoughts and ideas throughout the planning process?

YES NO Please circle your answer

If yes, please share your initial thoughts below:

Would you be interested in supporting the project by volunteering your time? E.g. to help run workshops, coffee mornings, play group etc

YES NO Please circle your answer

If yes, please share your initial thoughts below:

Are you aware of any local businesses that would support the project by donating to the school fund or project specific items or materials e.g. new kitchen equipment (oven, sink, microwave), kitchen cupboards, worktops, tables, chairs, toys or other donations for fundraising activities such as the Christmas Fayre.

YES NO Please circle your answer

If yes, please use the space below to provide details:

