

THE FRIENDS OF BURWELL VILLAGE COLLEGE PRIMARY

Burwell Village College Primary, The Causeway, Burwell, CB25 0DU.

Registered Charity 1089499

Dear Parents / Carers,

As many of you know I have been the Chair of FBVCP for a few years now but as of the AGM on the 20th of November myself and most of the committee have stepped down making way for a new committee and new ideas.

Over the six years we have been on the Friends we have raised a fantastic **£ 116,954.03 p** to help give the children added extras that are not within the school budget.

This has been achieved through fundraising, grants, letters to companies, and community help. We have raised enough that the children have had new play equipment, iPads, Author visits, the yearly panto, trips to the 02, Westminster, visits by the Raptor Foundation, wooden train, balance bikes, Sports t-shirts, Animal Experience, Artists, Computer programming, Musicians, Trombones, Dark Den, lights for Senco, and books, books and more books! There have been many more things which we hope have enriched the pupils learning and created memorable experiences.

When I joined the Friends I personally wanted to create fun learning in school and memories that our children would take with them. The committee that joined me all had the same goal and with this in mind we created added extras such as the Easter Bunny Footprints, Father Christmas arriving in his sleigh, Christmas Boxes, grass heads, reception welcome, and the Guinness World Record.

Not all of our fundraising has been about raising money for the school, many of the events we run have been because they are fun this includes the Magician night, and the Talent Show which are two very special nights, and the Harvest festival bringing the community together at the beginning of the new school year.

We have also repainted the old KS1 with thanks to the Burwell DIY SOS team, created the Bunning's room for a safe lunchtime place, parent meetings, and Dyslexia group, and of course the Remembrance Garden.

I have loved my time as Chair and could not have done it without the support of a phenomenal committee who have worked their socks off to achieve the fantastic amount of money raised. I hope that you will all join me in thanking them. So here's to Abbie Meliniotis, Amanda Benton, Karen Kent, Tess Vicat-Cole, Caroline Adams, Amelia Houlder, Megan Collingwood, Chel Vaughn, Sarah James, Kirsty Peirson, Allie Wylie, and Michelle Lockhart. You ladies are amazing!

Thank you also go to all the Class Reps and Helpers who turn up and help to man the stalls, and put information out onto the facebook class pages. And thank you to the Front Office and Mr Bish for their time and help. And to the teachers and TAs who come to help at various events. It is greatly appreciated. As always it is a huge team effort.

The new Chair is Laura Topsom, who is bringing with her Cath Negus as Secretary, and Jane Pithers as Treasurer. There will be a handover period until the end of this term so there will be familiar faces at the Christmas Bazaar and then in the New Year it will be over to them.

Good Luck ladies you're going to be brilliant!!

Thank you everyone for helping our fundraising, I'm going to miss it.

Beth Brunton

ps Don't worry there will still be fun and slightly mad ideas.....look out for Santa's bike sleigh going round the village on the 22nd December but shhh don't tell the children!

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