



Welcome

Welcome to the new Bramley School Association (BSA) Newsletter. Here you will find information about the BSA, news of upcoming events and ways to get involved.

What is the BSA?

The BSA is a registered charity (number 286997) which aims to strengthen relationships between the school and community, and raise funds for the benefit of the children in the school. Last year over £5,000 was raised through fundraising and money was donated to the school to purchase items such as library books, Lego computing equipment and year 6 leavers hoodies. In the past the BSA have organised many events which have been enjoyed by the children, parents and wider community. This is through the hard work and dedication of committee members, volunteers and staff at the school.

BSA Members

Are you a parent or teacher at Bramley Church of England School? Then YOU are a member of the BSA! You don't have to do anything as a member just hopefully support some of our events. You are also welcome to attend any committee meetings (Next meeting is on 22nd November 2016 – venue TBA), and if you are interested in being a committee member then we would love to have you.

BSA Committee News

Emma Clements and Katie Tattersdill stepped down from their roles as chair and treasurer respectively on October 17th. We would like to thank them both for their outstanding contribution towards the BSA over the last few years and hope that they will both remain active members of the association.

Nicky Dann and Isobel Brooks have taken on the role as temporary joint chairs until a formal AGM is held. Christine Delve has taken on the role of temporary treasurer and Debbie Parker remains as secretary. We also have a number of general committee members and volunteers who work hard to plan and run events and attend meetings.

Future events

- **School Disco.** The next school disco will run on Thursday 15th December. KS1 children 5-6pm, KS2 children 6.15 – 7.15pm. More details to follow but one thing we will need is willing volunteers to help!
- **Grand Christmas Raffle.** We have secured some amazing prizes for a grand Christmas raffle. QPS Homes have very generously donated £300 in cash prizes for this and other local business have also kindly donated some fantastic prizes.
- We hope to secure funding from local businesses to print tickets so all money raised (lots we hope!) will go towards the school.
In the next few weeks two books of raffle tickets will be sent home in your child's

book bag. You are under no obligation to purchase tickets and we kindly ask you to return them to the school if you do not wish to buy them. We do have a prize (yet to be announced) for the family who sell the most tickets, and we actively encourage parents to collect more tickets to sell to family, friends and work colleagues.

- **Clift Meadow Fete – April 29th.** The BSA have been asked if we would like to run some stalls on the day. This event is very popular and should be a great opportunity to get involved with other community groups and raise some money for the school while we do it.
- **And others...** We have lots of ideas for future events such as quizzes, race nights, pamper evenings and more. Why not let us know if you can think of a great event or would like to run one?

How can you help?

All members of the BSA committee have jobs and families, and while we are committed to running events and keeping the organisation going, we cannot do this without the help of volunteers. The BSA has traditionally relied on a small number of volunteers who have worked tirelessly over the last few years, and we need to expand our volunteer pool so we can continue to raise as much money as possible.

There are many ways you can help. These include:

- **Helping out at events.** You will be given a defined role and will be well supported by the person running the event. Jobs could include supervising children at school discos, serving teas and coffees at Christmas productions or running a stall at the Clift Meadow fete. The more volunteers we have, the more events we can run. You do not have to attend meetings (unless you want to), and you do not have to help out on a regular basis. If you feel you can offer just one hour per year, please let us know.
- **Admin work.** All fundraising work requires a certain amount of admin. This can range from putting items (e.g. raffle tickets) into book bags, preparing posters and tickets for events or updating the BSA noticeboard (which will soon be up and running outside the Year R classrooms). If you are able to spare a few hours during the school day to help with this, please contact us.
- **Second hand uniform.** We desperately need someone to help organise and sell the second hand uniform which is donated to us. This would mean sorting through existing stock and working with the BSA to sell this to parents of children already at the school or those with children due to start. You might want to produce a spreadsheet for people to see what is available, sell through our facebook page or think up other innovative ways to manage the stock. We would also like to thank Hayley Johnson for the great job she has done with this so far. She has decided to give up this role but hopes to continue helping the BSA in other ways.

- **Becoming a committee member.** Being on the committee is sociable and fun and we plan to meet at least termly over the next year. Why not come to our meeting on 22nd November and find out a bit more?
- **Match funding.** Do you work for an organisation which offers Match Funding? Each scheme operates differently, but the principle is that an employer will match the profits made by fundraising events. If your workplace does offer such a scheme, please find out the details and let us know. This is a great way to boost profits and we can design our future fundraisers around this.
- **Support our events.** We will try to put on a range of events which will appeal to everyone. Please try and support our events in any way you can. All the children in the school will benefit from the money raised. If you have any ideas for events, or other fundraising ideas, we would love to hear them.

How can you contact us?

- **E mail:** BSAlink@outlook.com
- **Come and talk to us in the playground.** Both Nicky and Isobel have children in year 2 and can be found on the year 2 playground on Friday afternoons.
- **Leave a message with the school office.** We will get back to you.
- **Visit our website.** The website is currently in development but will be ready to view in the next week or so. We plan to distribute regular newsletters so will let you know when it is ready.
- **Visit us on facebook.** Search for 'Bramley School Association' and you will find our facebook page.

We are very excited about continuing the fantastic work of the BSA and look forward to working with lots of you in the future to raise money for our brilliant school.

Nicky Dann and Isobel Brooks
Temporary joint chairs, Bramley School Association