



### **BSA News**

We held a committee meeting on Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> November and we thank everyone who attended. The minutes can be found on our website. The committee have been busy promoting the sale of raffle tickets and arranging the school disco. These activities do take a considerable amount of planning and we thank everyone who has helped.

### **Grand Christmas Raffle**

We would like to say a huge thank you to Classic Tree Services for sponsoring the cost of the 'Small Society Raffle license' that we were required to purchase in order to run the raffle. This means that the raffle has not cost the BSA anything at all as the cost of the ticket printing was met by the Bramley Inn and QPS Homes provided the cash prizes. We are very lucky to be supported by such fantastic local businesses.

We have secured some more amazing prizes for the raffle including vouchers for Little Roses Tea Room and sessions at Tetra Brazil Football. Please do support us in our mission to raise as much money as we can for the school. Additional raffle tickets are available from the office, and don't forget that the 10 families who sell the most tickets will be entered into a prize draw to win a Wellington Farm Shop hamper. The raffle will be drawn at 2:30pm on Friday 16<sup>th</sup> December as part of the end of term 'carols on the playground'.

### **Bags2school**

The bags2school collection will take place on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> December. Please drop off your bags at the front of the school between 8am and 9am. In addition to the bags sent home, you can use black bin bags for your donation. If you need more information about what you can put into the bags, please see <http://uk.bag2school.com/what-we-collect>

### **School Disco**

You should have received a letter providing details of the school disco on Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> December. Please return your consent form and fee to the school office by Friday 9<sup>th</sup> December. Tickets will be sent out in the week beginning Monday 12<sup>th</sup> December. We have listened to feedback from parents and understand that our decision to not allow pre-schoolers into the main disco has caused some disappointment. We have therefore reviewed this and decided that pre-schoolers aged over 3 years will be permitted into the main hall, but must be under the close supervision of their parent/guardian. We realise that many of these children will be coming to the school in September and this is a good opportunity for them to help settle in.

### **How are funds spent by the BSA?**

All funds raised by the BSA are used to fund educational items/activities that will be of benefit for the children in the school. We aim to distribute the money evenly and fairly across all year groups. For the 16/17 school year the BSA have decided to initially donate £200 to each year group to be put towards curriculum enrichment activities. Typical ways to spend this money

may include subsidised school trips, inviting subject matter experts into their class, or purchasing classroom equipment. We will let you know how each year group has decided to spend this money in future newsletters.

The BSA also hope to provide funding for the library and to help with refurbishment of the outside woodland area. The more money we can raise, the more we can donate.

#### **Future events**

Our AGM will take place on Friday 27<sup>th</sup> January 2017. We would like to invite all members of the BSA to attend (don't forget all parents and teaching staff are members). The actual AGM will take about 30 minutes, and after that we plan to hold a fun event. Further details will follow, but please save the date.

The Clift Meadow fete is taking place on 29<sup>th</sup> April and we hope to run some stalls. If you would like to help out, please let us know.

#### **With thanks to.....**

We have been overwhelmed by the support offered from several people over the last few weeks. Of particular note we would like to thank the following:

- Stephen Lambe for offering to supervise the collection of the bags2school bags
- Debbie Henderson for her admin help and ensuring letters go into book bags
- Louse Onslow for designing and putting up posters around the school
- Alison McMahon for washing, sorting and ironing the second hand uniform
- Jacque Currie for assisting with the raffle
- All of the office staff who have been so patient answering our many questions while we get to grips with our new roles.

We cannot operate without our pro-active volunteers and would like to thank everyone for their support. We are sorry if we have left anyone off this list. If we have, give us a nudge and we will thank you next time!

#### **How can you contact us?**

- **Email:** [BSAlink@outlook.com](mailto: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.** [www.bramleyschoolassociation.org](http://www.bramleyschoolassociation.org)
- **Visit us on facebook.** Search for 'Bramley School Association' and you will find our facebook page.

**Thank you for your continued support  
Isobel Brooks and Nicky Dann  
BSA Joint Chairs**