



Bournes Green Junior School

Parent's Association

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22 September 2010

Dear parents

## **CHANGES TO YOUR PARENTS' ASSOCIATION!**

This newsletter is to let you know of some relevant changes that have recently taken place within your Parents' Association.

Firstly, we know you would like to join us in thanking Amanda Lane, who stepped down as Chair of the Parents' Association for all her hard work and dedication in raising significant funds to provide luxury items for our children. She will be a hard act to follow but we can only try our best!

### **NEW COMMITTEE MEMBERS AS VOTED IN AT THE AGM**

#### Joint Chair

Michelle Palles-Clark  
Sue Sandford

#### Vice-Chair

Mandy Sylvester

#### Secretary

Caroline Monk

#### Joint Treasurer

Kirsty Harvey  
Jenny King

#### Joint Social Secretary

Jo Beresford  
Toni Green

#### School Representatives

Rupert Snow  
Debbie Kilkelly.

Can you spot the trend of "two heads being better than one"? There are several more of us but as "ordinary members", they get the luxury of remaining anonymous! Lucky them, eh? Most importantly, as parents of this school, you are automatically included in the Parents' Association (and you thought you'd got away with it!). Never feel that you can't approach us, we'd be only too happy to chat with you.

The Parents' Association aim to raise funds for specific projects. You will be kept informed of our total throughout the year, especially after we have held an event. PA newsletters will come home on blue coloured paper so please watch out for them!



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### Macmillan Coffee Event

**Our first official event will be this Friday, 24<sup>th</sup> September.** Two teams are playing Allen Court in pre-season friendlies and many children will be involved in Choir and ASSA Golf after school. If you would like to come and watch and support, whilst waiting to pick up your children after school, we will be offering refreshments, cake and conversation from 2.15 under the canopy. It would be our pleasure to serve you in exchange for a charity donation to this worthy cause. Anyone who has experienced the special work that Macmillan provides will know only too well how fantastic this organisation is and how they rely on our fundraising efforts. Some of you might wish to provide us with cakes or biscuits for this event please. Any donation of this sort can be left in the reception between now and Friday, or you are more than welcome to bring your cakes "hot out of the oven" with you on Friday afternoon! It would be lovely to fill the school grounds with parents and children playing and supporting, both the school and, on this occasion, such a valuable charity.

### Further dates for your diary

Monday 18 <sup>th</sup> October – 7.30pm.	PA meeting at school (entrance via the canopy please). Why not come along and see us? You'll get a warm welcome!
Thursday 11 <sup>th</sup> November – time tba	Trip to Ocean Beach & Harrods (letter to follow from Jo Short).
Monday 15 <sup>th</sup> November – 7.30pm.	PA meeting (tbc)
Friday 26 <sup>th</sup> November – 7.30pm.	Quiz night – exercise those brains!
Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> December – time tba	Christmas Fayre (unlike any other!).

We will aim to give you a diary sheet after the next PA meeting. This will cover events for at least the next term but hopefully, the whole year to enable us all to plan better as we understand how important everyone's time is.

### Email address

As mentioned in the weekly update the Parents' Association have their own dedicated email address: [bournesgreenpa@hotmail.com](mailto:bournesgreenpa@hotmail.com). Your thoughts and/or comments are always welcomed by us. We will respond to each and every message personally.

### Minutes of meetings

If you would like to be kept informed of what the Parents' Association are up to you can always have a copy of our minutes (as a one off or on a regular basis). We can provide these for you electronically (email us and we'll attach a copy back to you) or you can come and read a hard copy for yourself which will be in a folder in reception or you can even request a hard copy and get one come home in your child's book bag – it's your choice!

### Class Reps

We are looking for a couple of parents/carer from each class who wouldn't mind being a point of contact between the Parents' Association and your class. You can choose to receive minutes from each meeting so that you know what's going on. Your role would be to have an involvement with the Parent's Association in your own time. We would not expect you to come to meetings but we would appreciate any feedback or queries that you or "your class parents" may have. We're not here to frighten you off; we need your help and merely wish to have good communication!



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If this is something that you would like to “try out” then please contact one of the above committee members. You’ll get to know us all (if you don’t already). We are going to have our mug shots taken soon and put up on the Parent’s Association notice board (which is on the right hand side of the Ladram Road entrance) come and look at our photos - although no drawing glasses and moustaches on them thanks!.

**And finally,**

Did you know that the Parents’ Association is a registered Charity? This means that for anyone who works for a company it makes giving to us more easy and attractive! We are liable to ensure that all money collected is spent appropriately and every penny you have donated can be accounted for. Any donations or sponsorship deals that a company gives means they can also receive a tax break! It’s a win, win situation! If you know of anyone who you think might be interested in learning more, please let us know and we’ll get the begging bowl out!

Please, just before you throw this in the bin (the recycling one), let us remind you of our primary goal:-

We want to encourage friendships between people in our wonderful school. We all want what’s best for our children. Feeling part of a family makes this experience even more special. Come to events, support your children and if the PA make a profit along the way then all well and good but we stress, we are not here to take your money (although we will – with a smile), we’re here to forge friendships and have a great time (whilst Sue and I take the excuse to eat lots of cake). Doesn’t that sound more fun, fun, fun?

We’re sorry that this has been an epic newsletter but we had so much to tell you!

Thanks for reading this.

Handwritten signatures of Sue Sandford and Michelle Palles-Clark.

Sue Sandford, Michelle Palles-Clark and the fantastic team.