



Buddies Newsletter

Summer Term 2016

Bishop Wood School Association
Registered Charity No. 1042238

Dear Friends of Bishop Wood Buddies,

We just wanted to share with you the Buddies activity and fundraising total from this academic year so far.

The Summer Fayre raised an amazing £2960 so, along with the 4 kids discos, Quiz night, snail racing evening, Christmas market, concert and cards, second hand uniform sales and a very kind donation of £2k from Chuckles theatre group, **we have raised a massive £10,426.76 for the school!**

Thank you all so much for your support, donations and volunteering, without you we would not have been able to achieve so much!

So what are we spending it on?

The big announcement of the year is the purchase of **48 mini laptops** for the children to use. These are being tested now and likely to be rolled out at the beginning of the next academic year. This is a £10k investment into the school's ICT department and we hope that you can all see the benefit of having up-to-date equipment for the children to learn on.

We have already contributed towards the purchase of **Clicker 6** software. We have also given each class **£100 to spend on fun items** for rainy lunch breaks and golden time.

The **outdoor play boxes** will be refilled very soon with skipping ropes, soft balls, top trumps, bug viewers, clipboards and other fun things for the children to do.

We have just redone the pots and planting at the entrance of the school to neaten up the area.

Over the past few years Buddies and you have raised monies for the school that has paid for: **New play equipment (£10k), new curtains for the hall (£7k—very big curtains!), microphones and sound system, netbooks, outdoor benches, class boxes, football posts, netball posts and kit, outside clocks, visiting theatre companies and much more. Annually we also pay for the school Christmas tree and Christmas crackers for the lunch, Christmas golden time supplies and the Year 6 annual subscription to 'First News'.**

NEXT EVENT—Moving on up BBQ and disco on 16th July