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NEWSLETTER SPRING 2012

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

We hope you all enjoyed the Christmas break and are refreshed and raring to go for the first term of the new year!

THANK YOU

Thank you to everyone who supported our fundraising events during the autumn term. The money raised goes directly to the school for projects that benefit all our children.

RECENT FUNDRAISING EVENTS

Thanks to the success of the events described below, the BSA raised over £7.500 in the autumn term.

BOURN TO RUN



This hugely successful event took place in September. There was a great community

atmosphere and it was wonderful to see so many children, parents and staff from Bourn school taking part. The event raised a massive £8,000, two thirds of which was donated to the BSA. We would like to express our sincere thanks to Hannah Hodgson, Alison Cronk and their team of dedicated helpers for organising such a well-run (no pun intended!) event.

TANGLED MOVIE NIGHT

This was another very successful event with over 100 children attending. It raised £208.26.



CHRISTMAS CAPERS



Our annual Christmas fete was, as usual, very popular with a really pleasing turnout. It was lovely to see so many children and parents joining in and there was a real family atmosphere in the school.

Thank you to everyone who was involved in organising and running the event, as well as to all those put-upon parents who pulled out all the stops with their donations for stalls and hampers this year – we know it is an expensive time of year for everybody and we appreciate your generosity. Most of all, thank you to everybody who attended and helped us raise an impressive £1,600, which will be spent on new outdoor furniture for the playgrounds.

CHRISTMAS GIFT STALL

Our Christmas gift stall was a big hit with the children and we hope there were lots of happy parents and grandparents on Christmas morning! The children really enjoyed choosing their gifts, and the stall raised £239.26 for the BSA.



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CHRISTMAS CARD SALES



The children produced some fantastic Christmas card designs this year, showing real creativity and artistic flair. Sales of the children's cards and gift tags raised £239.39.

RUN FOR FUN!

Run for Fun continues to see a group of enthusiastic parents meet every Wednesday morning for a running session. All are welcome, whether experienced runners or complete beginners, so if you're looking to work off some of that Christmas excess, why not come along and give it a go? Here is what Mark Rowbotham has to say about his experience of Run for Fun:

'Run for Fun' did sound like a contradiction to me when it started last June, but I have to admit that I really enjoy the weekly outings from the school gates, and I have even missed them over the Christmas holiday.

I was apprehensive as I hadn't done much proper exercise for the last 10 years since I ruptured my Achilles tendon in a dance class! Luckily there were several of us 'non-runners' and we started off very gently – a 10 minute walk, followed by four lots of 30 seconds jogging and 2 minutes walking, then a walk back. Our 'homework' was to go out twice on our own during the week, and each week the running was gradually increased. By the end of the summer term, after 7 sessions, we were up to four lots of 'jogging for 5 minutes, walking for 2 minutes'.

Over the summer break, a few of us managed to meet up a couple of times, but it was hard

keeping up the running in between kids' activities, and on holiday. At the end of August I ambitiously signed up for the Bourn to Run 10k, and on the day I achieved a very pleasing 52.5 minutes.

I haven't managed as much running since, but I still go to the 'Run for Fun' sessions, and to give me a good target, I have signed up for the Cambourne 10k at the end of April.



FORTHCOMING EVENTS

We have several events already planned for the spring term, as described below.

QUIZ NIGHT: SAT 4TH FEB 7.30PM

Time to brush off those winter cobwebs and get your thinking caps on: the BSA quiz night is upon us!

This enjoyable, friendly event is always a good evening and you don't have to be Mastermind Champions to join in the fun. This year, we will have a new approach to the quiz with an all-new quizmaster in charge so who knows what could happen!!!

Teams of up to eight can take part but if you don't have a full team, don't worry; we can make up teams on the night. Entry is £5 per person and there will be a prize for the winning team. The BSA will be running a licensed bar on the night but don't forget to bring a picnic to keep those brain cells fed!

Tickets are available now from Sharon Peer via the school office. Get booking!



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BSA AGM: MON 19TH MARCH 3.15PM

The BSA AGM will be held on Monday 19th March at 3.15pm. At the AGM, the outgoing committee will report on the events of the previous year and the 2012/2013 committee will be elected. We hope you will attend if possible. Don't worry – you won't be coerced into joining the committee, but if we don't have enough people in attendance, the AGM will not be able to take place for legal reasons.

More information on the AGM will be sent out nearer the time.



CURRENT BSA COMMITTEE

The Core Committee for 2011/2012 is as follows:

Chair	Sharon Peer
Vice Chair	Inga Spouse (temporarily)
Treasurer	Verity Risby
Secretary	Catherine O'Toole
Voting Member	Vicki Gregory

Please feel free to talk to any member of the Committee about ideas you might have to raise funds or if you can help in any other way, or email us at bsa@bournschool.co.uk.

FRIDAY ASSEMBLIES: STARTING FRI 13TH JAN

The BSA provides complimentary tea and coffee after each Friday Assembly and we hope that you will continue to join us. If you are able to help serve the refreshments on an occasional basis that would be great. Just speak to Sharon Peer who plans the rota. It would be ideal to have a parent representative for each class.



There is also second-hand uniform on sale each Friday and we have plenty of stock so come and take a look.

The next community assembly is this Friday, January 13th.

FINALLY...

We would love to see you at our BSA meetings to hear what goes on behind the scenes and discuss any ideas you may have. Our meetings are held Friday at 1.45pm in the school foyer, and all parents (and any pre-schoolers in tow!) are welcome. The meeting dates for the rest of this year are:

- Friday 13th January**
- Friday 10st February**
- Friday 9th March**

