

# Welcome to the Autumn 2018 BPF F newsletter!



Many of you will already know who we are, however, for all our new parents joining us, we are a collective group of volunteer parents who came together in 2017 and created our PTA group, the BPF F, Bluecoat Primary Fundraising Friends.

Our aim is raise money for fun events for our attending children, as well as donating funds to school. Last year we donated £1000 to the school towards our amazing new playground.

## Who Are We?

### **Chair-Person: Sarah Clay**

I have a son that attends Bluecoat Primary and you can normally find me outside the Hummingbirds Class. I was vice-chair last year and was voted as chair in March 2018. I have experience of management committees and voluntarily ran a local community centre. I also work; I am cabin crew for a holiday airline as well as having my own beauty business. I volunteer within the school as much as I possibly can; I thoroughly enjoy being part of the BPF F and meeting lots of parents and carers as well as the wonderful children at our school.

### **Vice - Chair - Gemma Cook**

I was appointed as vice-chair in March 2018, and was a dedicated committee member beforehand. I have 3 children in the school, and work in the early years division. I love organising the events and meeting everyone, along with raising money for the children and school. We have some wonderful committed volunteers and I can't wait to meet many more!

### **Treasurer - Catherine Wardega**

Previously chair for the BPF F in its first year, I stepped down in January to concentrate on my family as my daughter arrived. I also have an older daughter in Year 2, as well as a son in nursery. I missed my involvement with the group, and as the role of Treasurer arose I was eager to become involved again! The BPF F is such a fun group to be involved with, and for my children to see me with an active role, supporting the school, is great. My career as a makeup artist and model within the bridal industry fits perfectly around my family and volunteering commitments.

### **Secretary - Currently open**

The Secretary position is currently open. If you would like to know what is involved drop an email to thebpff@gmail.com - we would love to have you on board!

### **Past Events**

We have organised some amazing events in the past year, our Summer fair which was a roaring success, our Winter fair, as well as our Beach party disco and a Monster mash up party! These have raised us lots of funds which we have ploughed back into other events.



*Mr Smith in the stocks*



*One of our fabulous Unicorn Riders*

### **Upcoming Events**

#### **Key Dates for your diary!**

##### *17th September*

9am -10am: Coffee morning to catch up and meet new parents with the BPF team as your hosts! Obviously cake is provided. Meet us in the Hall!

5.30 -6.30pm: More cake for those parents who cannot always meet in the morning, so pop along and see us in the evening! We would LOVE to see some new faces, bring the kids if you have no child care and we will ensure there's juice as well as tea and coffee!

##### *28th September BLUECOAT BAKE-OFF*

Put your baking skills to the test! Let's see how many budding chefs we have at our little school, there will be 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> prizes available. And then your scrummy yummy cakes will be on sale after school to raise money for our next event....

##### *25th October HARVEST FESTIVAL DANCE*

We will be bringing all things "festival" to Bluecoat Primary, dig out your denim shorts and wellies, pop flowers into your hair and even add a checked shirt into the mix, to join us for a fun

filled after school dance! More info to follow!

*Christmas Fair details to come very soon.*

**We need volunteers to help with ideas for all these events so please get in touch and give us a nudge and we will open up a volunteer's WhatsApp group and add you to it!**

We hope that this new school year we will be able to get more parents on-board. We are a fun approachable group of likeminded parents (it's nothing like Bad Moms PTA, there is no clique - haha).

We meet up once a month to discuss our events and make plans. Our meetings last approximately 45 minutes and we always have cake! We don't bombard you with huge difficult tasks or jobs, everything is kept as simple as possible.

If anyone would like to be involved, come and find one of us in the playground or email us. We do have a dedicated WhatsApp group. If you would like to be added to that please email us with your name and number. We also have a Facebook group, which is the 'BPFF' and we are also on twitter and Instagram.

Looking forward to meeting you all, and to a fabulous year ahead!

***The BPFF Team***

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