

ALL SAINTS BENSINGTON SCHOOL ASSOCIATION

APRIL NEWSLETTER

ASBSA NEWS & EVENTS



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Welcome Back! We hope you all had a restful Easter break and are enjoying the oncoming warmer weather and signs of spring.

We had a very successful term of events since Christmas, beginning with our New Year Disco, raising over £350. We were saved by parent Matt Shine who stepped in very last minute after our DJ cancelled the booking. The nursery children also enjoyed their party prior to the discos, hosted by party entertainer and All Saints parent Maxine. We offer massive **THANK YOU'S** to both Maxine and Matt for their support, plus all those who helped on the evening. Maxine is a very active fundraiser for us, also donating a percentage of the proceeds from her swing dance class. More information about this class and details about how to be involved are found in a special piece Maxine has written for us overleaf.

Our Junior Bakers put in superb effort, raising **£258.40**, compared to the **£270** raised by the infants. Such a close competition, but the infants once again are our biggest fundraisers. Thank you to all who supported us by baking such wonderful treats.

Finally we had slightly better weather at our Easter Egg Hunt this year. The event is such a nice way to finish off term, with the children working in groups and with parents to solve the clues and claim their prizes. We raised just over **£200**, so thanks especially to Alanna and Nina for organising and running this event.

We have rescheduled our quiz evening this year to Wednesday 24th May. Tickets are available **NOW!** at £7.50 each, which includes your entry and a meal of fish and chips. We would love to see a team from each year group taking part to battle over who will be crowned this year's champions! Please check your emails for further details on how to book a place.

We have been busily spending the money raised with our new caretaker constructing the new playground stage shortly. We have also agreed for each class to have a pot of money that the teachers can use to spend on rewards and incentives for their children. Finally Mrs Lupoli has bought some more toys to help the children with their coding and critical thinking skills. We do hope the children enjoy all the new purchases.

Our Summer Fayre is taking place this year on **Saturday 1st July 11am-3pm**. We decided to move it to the end of the term this year to make it more of a summer send-off. Further details will be in our next newsletter, but please note down the dates for your diary overleaf!

Nearly New Uniform



Any donations of good quality used uniform would be gratefully received - please place them in the red basket in the school office.

IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO BE INVOLVED WITH ANY OF THE ASBSA EVENTS LISTED, OR
HAVE ANY OTHER SUGGESTIONS OR COMMENTS PLEASE EMAIL:

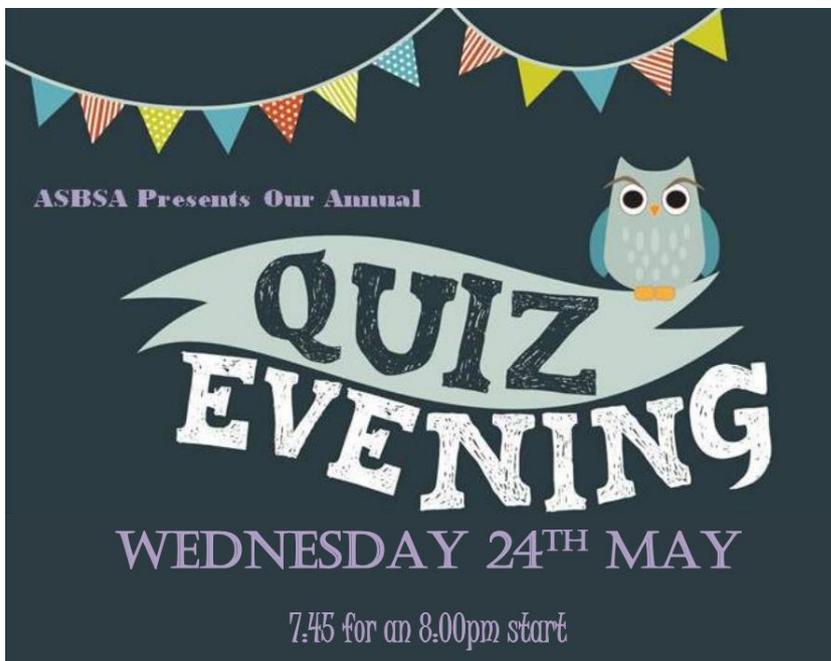
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SPRING TERM 2017

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

UP AND COMING EVENTS

Wednesday 24 th May	ASBSA Quiz Night 7:45 - 10:30pm
Tuesday 6 th June	ASBSA Meeting 7:30pm in the Staff Room
Friday 9 th June	Crazy Hair Day with donations for our Teddy Tombola
Friday 23 rd June	Mufti Day with donations for our Bottle Tombola
Saturday 1 st July	Summer Fayre 11am - 3pm on the school grounds



ASBSA Presents Our Annual

QUIZ EVENING

WEDNESDAY 24TH MAY

7.45 for an 8.00pm start



Help us raise further funds by doing your shopping online via The Giving Machine at

www.thegivingmachine.co.uk

It takes 1 minute to register and you can shop at over 1500 shops including Tesco and Sainsbury's!

Just enter **All Saints Benhilton School Association** as your cause and every time you shop via their website we gain donations!

Please visit the website to find out more!



OUR NEXT NEWSLETTER
WILL BE OUT IN JUNE WITH
MORE DETAILS ABOUT
OUR SUMMER FAYRE



Our chosen charity to support this academic year is **Reverse Rett**. 10% of all our profit will be donated to this wonderful cause.

DONT FORGET TO VISIT THE ASBSA PAGE ON THE SCHOOL WEBSITE FOR ALL THE LATEST ASBSA NEWS. THIS IS ACCESSED UNDER THE PARENTS TAB FROM THE HOME PAGE.

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SPRING TERM 2017



SWINGDYHOP

BY MAXINE KILGOUR

SWINGDYHOP is a new dance form to school age children. Associated with the 1920's- 1940's, the era doesn't appear to lend itself to the children of the 2000's! But they absolutely LOVE this new dance, which combines Swing dancing and Lindy Hop. You may wonder what Swing dancing is all about.....so to answer a few questions:

What is Swing dance and Lindy Hop? Swing dance is a high energy, fun group of dances, with one of the most well-known being Lindy Hop, formed famously in New York, at the Savoy Ballroom in Harlem, in the early 1930's. The other groups include Jive, Rock and Roll and Charleston, all taught in **SWINGDYHOP**.

Why is Swing different from other forms of dance? If you have ever watched an old Fred Astaire film, or listened to any war time music, you would have had a nostalgic trip into the land of the Swing era, the golden age of Hollywood and Harlem. All dance forms encompass their own style, fashion, music and community. The beauty of Swing dance is it harks to an old era, to a time becoming further distant, but so important and romantic, fun and energetic.

How does it benefit the children? Apart from the obvious benefits of fitness, co-ordination, improved motor skills, sociability and confidence, Swing dance allows children an education in a time otherwise forgotten to this age range. An all-important time too! Pre and Post war history is fascinating for children and they love it. The fashions were beautiful, the music was incredible and the dances were great FUN!! They not only receive a great dance education with **SWINGDYHOP**, but an education of a time our children love to learn about.

How did you get into Swing dancing? I visited Disney land in my early twenties and saw a group of young kids socially practising Swing dancing on a bandstand in the middle of the park. I sat for ages, mesmerised. When I got back to England I immediately found a dance teacher where I could learn this amazing dance, and I have stayed with the same company (Swingland) ever since! I have been teaching, dancing and performing for over 20 years now and still love it.



Why do you want to teach Swing dancing to children? It's a style that is infectious, and amazing fun. It is a style that children can develop with their own character. With moves called Crazy Legs, Shorty George, Tacky Annie's, Peckin' and Slip Slop....children find the moves entertaining and fun to learn.

I also want to pass on Swing dancing to the next generation. I think it is important that it continues to be as popular as it is today, in years to come.

How can I sign up? It is important to sign up at the beginning of term, as we teach a routine to the children over the term, which they show to parents at the end of the term. It is however possible for them to join mid- term, if they're able to pick it up quickly.

SWINGDYHOP CLASS MEETS THURSDAY MORNINGS AT 8:00AM
FOR MORE INFORMATION, QUESTIONS, OR TO SIGN UP PLEASE EMAIL
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