

## Newsletter Issue 1

November 2018

For those who are new to All Saints Benhilton Primary School, welcome. ASBSA (All Saints Benhilton School Association) is the name of our school PTA and is a registered charity dedicated to raising funds for our school to enhance our children's learning experiences and provide support to our parents and wider school family.

We host a number of fun, fundraising events throughout the year. The money raised go towards equipment, facilities and events for the school which are outside of the annual school budget; such new chrome books and sports equipment.

During the first half of this term the ASBSA team have been busy. We have a new Chairperson, Karen Buchanan, a new vice chairperson John Farrer and a number of new parents who have offered their time to support the existing ASBSA members without who we could not function.



### COMMUNICATION

This year we are working on new ways to improve the communication to parents, so this term we have asked the class reps to create ASBSA WhatsApp Group for each class or year group.

To ensure you are receiving all the most upto date news, information and details of ASBSA events such as crazy hair day, Christmas & Summer Fairs, Disco, Easter events and more, please make sure you are part of your class WhatsApp group. If you are unsure who your class rep is please ask.

### EASY FUNDRAISING



Giving Machine is an easy way to help raise money while you shop online. It doesn't cost you anything! And with christmas coming up please sign up so our school can benefit. Our sign up code is : 128095

<https://www.thegivingmachine.co.uk/causes/all-saints-benhilton-school-association/support>

### CHARITY

Every year ASBSA's donates 10% of our annual profit to a chosen charity. This year we asked parents to nominate and vote for a local charity. We had a fantastic response and we are please to say that **St Helier Hospital's Neonatal Unit** is our chairty for this year 18/19.



### CHRISTMAS FAIR

**Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> December 11.30-2.00**

A fun packed day with Christmas face painting, seasonal arts and crafts, games and stalls. A performance from our wonderful choir and much, much more.

We have had to make the tough decision to reduce the fair in length and scale due to a lack of volunteers at previous events. We want to ensure that the Christmas fair is successful and enjoyable for everyone who comes along, so please when you see requests for volunteers to help on the day please do sign up. Its lots of fun and children are welcome to help out on stalls and usually enjoy it. You can have that warm fuzzy feeling of knowing you helped raise a lot of money that will benefit the children at school.

### OTHER WAYS TO HELP

**Raffle tickets** - will be going out mid-November. Do you feel lucky? Please buy and sell as many tickets as you can and return any unused tickets to school before the fair if possible.

Contact us – [asbsa@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:asbsa@hotmail.co.uk)



**Prizes** - please help us ask for prizes and donations from local companies or from your own company. These prizes along with the hampers we make up are an exciting part of our fair. PLEASE let me know if you can help with this.

We have a standard letter from ASBSA and the school confirming our fair date and why we are asking for raffle prize donations if you need this, please email us.

**Outside stall traders** - We hope to have stalls outside this year for traders alongside other school stalls. We want to offer this to our parents or any company you know that might want a stall? We are offering traders the opportunity to have a stall with **NO upfront fee** but request a donation to ASBSA should they have a successful day.

If you or anyone you know would like a traders stall please get in touch via email.



### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

**2 November, Friday: FREE UNIFORM** - ASBSA will have a uniform stall in the hall after school. You can make a donation if you want to but really we just need to clear out everything we have and make space. All welcome.

This stall will be next to Sandra's (our lollipop lady) fundraising event for Cancer Research and Royal Marsden Hospital. There will be tea and cake and she will have

her hair shaved off.

**15 November, Thursday:** Crazy Hair Day - children can have crazy hair in return for a **hamper donation**, i.e. anything you would expect to see in a hamper, NOTE: check expiry dates and we can't refrigerate any items. Hampers will be raffled at the Christmas Fair.

**22 November, Thursday:** Crazy/Fun Socks day. Children wear fun socks and **donate items/gifts** and **Christmas wrapping paper** for our Secrets Stall. **Please** donate items **suitable** for mums, dads and siblings. At this stall children will be able to buy these gifts for £1-2 at the fair. Y6 children and adult helpers will be on hand to assist younger children with choosing gifts and help with wrapping.

**1 December, Saturday:** Christmas Fair 11:30-2pm

**27 February, Wednesday 7pm-9pm:** ASBSA meeting at school in the staff room. If you are interested in joining the ASBSA team, or would like to find out more about what we do please come along to our next meeting, speak to any of the ASBSA team or drop us an email. We are a friendly group of mums, dads and the wider school family, so please come along and say hi!

### AND FINALLY, MATCH FUNDING

Does your company match fund?

Many companies throughout the UK offer employees the chance to boost their fundraising efforts by 'matching' the money they raise. It's money for nothing, and we could double the amount of cash it raises on a stall at our Christmas fair with very little effort.

If you or a member of your family work for any of the companies listed below (or if you know your company do this amazing scheme) please enquire and let us know, [asbsa@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:asbsa@hotmail.co.uk)

We've had fantastic success previously where a company matched close to £1000 so well worth the effort.

Thank  
you!

ASBSA Team

### Companies Currently Running Match Funding Schemes (July 2017)

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Abbey National Plc  
ABN Amro  
Accenture  
Alfred Dunhill  
Alliance & Leicester  
Alliance Capital  
American Express  
Andersen  
Anglian Water  
Argos  
ARM Holdings  
Asda  
Astra Zeneca  
AT Kearney  
BAA  
Bank of America  
Bank of England  
Bank of Scotland  
Bank of Tokyo-Mitsubishi  
Bankers Trust  
Barclays Capital  
Barclays Group  
Barclays Wealth  
BG Group  
Boston Consulting Group  
BP  
Bristol-Myers Squibb  
BT  
Cable & Wireless  
Camelot  
Capgemini  
Capital International  
Research  
Celanese Canada Inc  
Centrica  
Chase Manhattan  
Foundation  
Citibank  
Citigroup  
Credit Suisse First Boston  
De La Rue  
Deloitte Consulting  
Deutsche Bank  
DHL  
Diageo

Dixons  
Dresdner Kleinwort  
Wasserstein  
Eli Lilly  
EMI  
Energis  
Ericsson Telecom  
Ernst & Young  
Exxon Mobil  
Fidelity Investments  
First Bus  
Ford Motor Company  
GlaxoSmithKline Plc  
Goldman Sachs  
Guardian Royal Exchange  
Halifax  
HSBC  
IBM  
IDEO  
Industrial Bank of Japan  
Invensys  
J P Morgan  
Johnson & Johnson  
Kingfisher  
KPMG  
Littlewoods  
Lloyds TSB  
Marks & Spencer  
Marsh & McLennan  
Companies inc.  
McKinsey & Co  
Mercury Asset  
Management  
Merrill Lynch  
Microsoft  
Midlands Electricity  
Mitsubishi Research Institute  
Mitsubishi Chemical  
Corporation  
Morgan Stanley Dean  
Witter  
National Power  
NCR Corporation  
NFC  
Northern Electric  
Norwich Union

Pearson  
Philip Morris  
Philip Morris Companies Inc  
(Altria Group Inc)  
Philips  
PPG Industries Foundation  
Pricewaterhouse Coopers  
Procter & Gamble  
Procter & Gamble (USA)  
Reuters  
Robert Fleming & Co  
Rolls Royce  
Royal & Sun Alliance  
Royal Bank of Scotland  
Group  
Schroder Salomon Smith  
Barney  
Schroders  
Seaboard  
Shell  
Siemens Medical  
Sigma Securities  
Smithkline Beecham  
Southern Electric  
Stagecoach Holdings  
Standard & Poor's  
Sun Life of Canada  
Swiss Bank Corporation  
Tesco  
Thames Water  
United Airlines  
Vodafone  
Warner Music International  
Yorkshire Water