

## ALL SAINTS BENSINGTON SCHOOL ASSOCIATION

## NEWSLETTER

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**ASBSA NEWS & EVENTS**

Welcome Back! We hope you are all looking forward to the autumn term events we have planned for your entertainment!

Sadly we had to cancel our back-to-school BBQ / picnic this year due to poor weather conditions. We were sorry to disappoint all those who were interested in coming along. We did still go ahead with the uniform sale in the playground, which raised **£81.90**. Thank you to all who helped on the day.

Our AGM was held on Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> September, where we elected our committee members, including Heather as our new treasurer and Jo and Maxine as our new co-chairs! A huge **thank you** to Kerry, Dom, Sabrina and Vladka for their amazing work over the past 2 years in those positions. A full list of members and class representatives will be in the notice board in the office and on the school website shortly. There are several positions that we are still keen to fill so if you would like further information on how you can help, please do contact us.

We also heard from Kerry who told us all a bit more about the National Autistic Society, who we will be supporting this year as our nominated charity. The charity has kindly produced some information for this newsletter which you can find overleaf.

This term saw our Bake Sale on **Tuesday October 17<sup>th</sup>**, with delicious goodies coming from star bakers in our infant classes. Cakes and treats were on sale after school with a special mini sale after morning and afternoon nursery. This raised £235.78.

We will also have our secrets room operating on **Friday 1<sup>st</sup> December**, giving children the opportunity to buy small Christmas gifts for their families in secret! Finally we have our Christmas Fayre - the Extravaganza - which will be running on **Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> December 11am - 2pm**. This is a huge event for us so we do hope you can come along and support us.



Our chosen charity to support this academic year is **the Sutton branch of the National Autistic Society**. 10% of all our profit will be donated to this wonderful cause.

We raised £868 last year for Reverse Rett



We will be doing our Christmas card fundraising again this year. Anyone who wishes to participate will find the forms in your book bags on the last day of term. They can then decorate their own cards at home over half term, returning them to us with your order and payment by **Friday 10<sup>th</sup> November** to be printed and ready for December. *Unfortunately any cards received after Friday will not be ordered.*

**Nearly New Uniform**

Don't forget the ASBSA nearly new uniform sale, which will be at our events throughout the year. 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:**

**ASBSA@HOTMAIL.CO.UK**

# DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

## UP AND COMING EVENTS

Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup> October	Infant Bake Sale at 3:15 pm
Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> November	Deadline to return Christmas cards
Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup> November	ASBSA Committee Meeting at 7:30pm
Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> November	'Crazy Hair' Day (Donations of gifts for Secrets Room)
Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> November	'Wear a Christmas Item' Day (Hamper donations for raffle prize)
Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> December	Secrets Room
Saturday 2 <sup>nd</sup> December	ASBSA Christmas Extravaganza

### EXCITING NEWS!!!!!!

Please also note, we have been given an amazing opportunity from Leaders Estate Agents. For any household willing to have a Leaders Board outside their house for two weeks before the Christmas Fayre, the school receive £15 per board! That's money for the school, with us doing very little at all. To sign up BEFORE WEDNESDAY 25<sup>th</sup> October please email: [asbsa@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:asbsa@hotmail.co.uk)



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

[www.thegivingmachine.co.uk](http://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 MID-NOVEMBER WITH FURTHER INFORMATION ABOUT ALL OUR EXCITING CHRISTMAS EVENTS**

**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.**

# NATIONAL AUTISTIC SOCIETY

## BY REBECCA & ROBERTA (CO-BRANCH OFFICERS)

First of all we would like to say a massive thank you to All Saints Benhilton for choosing us as your local charity this year - we are really touched and very grateful for your support.

For those of you who don't know us NAS Sutton is a volunteer led branch of the National Autistic Society and we have a rapidly growing membership of currently over 450 - some of whom may well be parents at All Saints Benhilton.

We are an entirely volunteer led group, very similar to your school PTA. Most of us are working parents with children on the autistic spectrum. We receive no funding and rely on fundraising activities to be able to pay for what we do. We don't have an office and all work from home in our "spare time" and so every penny that we receive is spent on our members.

As volunteers, we are not trained in autism and cannot advise, recommend or practice any strategies or approaches but what we do is offer signposting and peer support to parents, carers, children and adults on the spectrum and also put on talks, events and activities for our members to participate in. It is free to become a member of NAS Sutton and we also welcome members who are just going through the diagnosis process. We have a very active members' Facebook forum and Facebook page and have recently set up a very popular and oversubscribed monthly Lego club and an adult support group. We have also been involved in raising awareness of the impact of reductions to education service budgets in Sutton and of the proposed impact on the diagnostic pathway in the South West London CCGs.

To find out a little more about what we do, you could take a look at our website or email us on the details below.

In the meantime, on behalf of all our members and our volunteers we would like to thank you for your support.

## NAS Sutton Branch Activities

### Wednesday October 11th 10am - 12pm

Special Needs Parents Advice Group

### Sunday 15th October

NAS Sutton Lego Club (for NAS Sutton Branch members only)

### Monday 16th October 10am - 12pm

NAS Sutton Coffee Morning (with Speakers and Info on ABA)

Please see our website for more information on events

<http://www.sutton.webeden.co.uk/branch-activities/4589961182>



When things go wrong for autistic people, it tends to be because other people's understanding is lacking. Whether it's a child having a meltdown in a shopping centre, an adult struggling to find a job or a parent trying to make their local school more autism-friendly, better public understanding can make all the difference.

It's often public spaces that autistic people find hardest. They can be overwhelming – crowded, unpredictable, loud and bright. And when people feel overloaded by too much information, they often encounter a public that simply doesn't understand them and their autism.

Where will you make a change for Autistic People? See the link for more information about our campaign:

<http://www.autism.org.uk/tmi>

FOR MORE INFORMATION ABOUT THE WORK OF NAS PLEASE GO TO  
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