



Bulmershe Community Association

Spring Newsletter 2009

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BCA Update

Welcome to the first BCA newsletter of 2009. The BCA made its first large donation to the school just before Christmas at the Christmas Arts in Action concert on 16th December. Thanks to you all, we were able to buy a state-of-the-art electric piano for the music department.

Miss Gough of the music department said, "The Music Department is delighted with their new 'all-singing, all-dancing' electric piano, which was kindly bought for them by the BCA after a lot of hard work with fundraising. Although the piano lives in M2, is portable enough to be taken into the school for concerts when necessary. It is not just something which is 'kept for best' but is being used in most lessons and so was an ideal purchase that will benefit the vast majority of the students coming through The Bulmershe School". There are some pictures of the piano on the BCA Website.

The BCA has also donated gardening supplies to Diane Young to help the students working hard in the Student Support garden.

We hope to continue to help raise funds to improve the school environment and to improve the facilities on offer to our students at The Bulmershe School.

An important event this term is our Annual General Meeting. The provisional date for this is **Tuesday 28 April, 7.30 pm** in the School Library. We would like as many parents as possible to attend so that we can keep you up to date with all our activities and let you see the results of our fund-raising efforts. The AGM will include the election of the committee for the forthcoming year. Without a committee and willing helpers, the BCA cannot survive. All offers of help, from 5 minutes serving tea at a Parents' Evening once a year to becoming an officer are welcome! More details to follow once the date is confirmed.

Please look at the website for details of upcoming events and for our contact details.

Easter Egg Bingo

Come and join us for a fun, family event on **Saturday 28 March**.

We will be playing Bingo for Easter Egg prizes in the Sixth Form Block and students and parents who have attended this event in the past have had a really good time!

All generations welcome, so please feel free to bring any or all members of your families. Books of bingo tickets will be on sale for £1 for 6 games when you arrive. Tea, coffee, soft drinks, cakes etc will be available to buy during the breaks.

Start time is 2 pm and we should finish by around 4 pm.



Future Events



Car Boot Sales

We are hoping to run a car boot sale in one of the School car parks in the near future.

The Bulmershe car boot sales used to be a very popular event in the local calendar. If you are interested in helping run the sale or would like to express an interest in a pitch, please contact the BCA through the school office or by emailing contact@bulmershecommunityassociation.org.uk.

Summer Barn Dance

Another event currently in the planning stage is a Summer Barn Dance. This event, for adults only, will be held in the school hall sometime in the Summer term. Please keep an eye out for further information in future newsletters and on the BCA website.

If you have any ideas for future events, please contact the BCA via the school office, email us or come to our next committee meeting—all are welcome.

Next Pagoda Sale—Saturday 14 March



These sales are a very good way of raising funds for the BCA and letting the local community know that we exist! The last sale in November raised £189 for BCA funds.

Our next sale of books, DVDs, clothes etc. will be on Saturday 14 March at the Pagoda at Woodley Shopping Centre.

If you would like to help or have goods to donate (please-no videos), please contact the BCA via the email address above or the school office. We can accept things to sell on the day (bring them to the pagoda) or they can be dropped off at school on Friday 13th March but please check with the School Office first.

News from the BCA Webshop—Thank you for buying online

Thank you for using the BCA webshop in the run-up to Christmas. The total spent via the webshop has now exceeded £10,000 and it is a useful source of income for the BCA.

New additions to the webshop include Expedia, the online travel booking site. To find out more about the full range of companies available through the Webshop, please go to: www.buy.at/bulmershecommunityassociation

All your purchases help raise money—spread the word to family, friends and colleagues.



Keep in Touch

Find out what the BCA is up to by:

- ◆ Visiting our Website at www.bulmershecommunityassociation.org.uk
- ◆ Sending us an email at contact@bulmershecommunityassociation.org.uk
- ◆ Send us a message via the school office
- ◆ Come and talk to us at parents evenings etc—we are trying to serve refreshments at most school events
- ◆ Come to our next Committee meeting on Tuesday 10 March, 7.15 pm in the School Library. Details of meetings are on our website. All are welcome!

