



## Reasons why we need your help!

Our PTA, the BFG depends on a continual cycle of parent involvement. As children reach their final year and leave, so do their parents. The teachers and head support us when possible, but without all your support, we have no PTA - WE REALLY DO NEED YOUR SUPPORT.


The BFG is a mixture of parents that work together for the benefit of Bispham Drive Junior School. Some are full-time parents, some work part-time or work full-time. NONE of us are specialists in fundraising.

Taking an active role with the BFG is critical to your children's success, so we've compiled a list of 10 reasons why helping the BFG will greatly improve your child's experience of school.

- **You are vital to the success of the school**
  - Schools are becoming more and more dependent on their PTAs for funds.
  - Without the funds raised by the BFG, your child would not get the benefits of items the BFG have sourced, such as the radio station, new board games for wet play, the work that will be unveiled in the near future in the covered area.
- **It's TOTALLY flexible!**
  - There are a variety of small ways you can help and be involved - from designing a poster, cleaning up after an event, helping out on a stall....so many ways.
  - Giving up 30 minutes of your time to help the BFG is invaluable. If everyone could spare 30 minutes a term to help, just think what we could achieve!
  - You don't have to attend BFG meetings - you can use our contact details to send in ideas for discussion.
- **You'll feel more connected**
  - There's no better way to know what events are being planned, have your say or make new fundraising suggestions, than by offering your help and support.
  - You'll get to know teachers and support staff on a more familiar basis.
- **You'll be part of a great network**
  - Every BFG event is an opportunity to meet other parents in the same situation as you.
  - You will be part of a like-minded network of people who all share a common goal of improving the school for our children.



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- **Make a difference**
  - By volunteering you'll be able to use whatever skills you have for a noble cause.
  - Our PTA strive to establish a supportive and encouraging community for the entire school.
  
- **We're not just for mums!**
  - It's important to our BFG, our school and our pupils to have dads represented on our committee and to help reach out to other dads.
  - Are you a dad with a skill that would be useful?
  - Grandparents also play a special role in our children's life, do you have time to further enrich your grandchild's school experience?
  
- **Be a role model**
  - By getting involved with our BFG, you'll show your children that not only are they important to you, but their education is as well.
  - Your children will see you playing an active part in making their education more varied.
  - Getting involved illustrates good teamwork and community spirit.
  
- **What the BFG does affects every parent (and pupil)**
  - Your voice matters - the BFG is made up of people elected to represent you, so help us to do this effectively.
  - Your ideas and involvement can help improve the quality of education for all the children at our school.
  - See the smiles on their faces and know that you have played a part in enabling the school to offer more activities and fun!
  
- **It's fun!**
  - Help plan fun events, socials and get-togethers.
  - Suggest NEW fun ways to raise funds.
  - Get your whole family involved!
  
- **Finally.....**
  - Our children are only at school for a relatively short time. BFG events such as the christmas disco, quiz night, Kids on the Catwalk and the summer fair will be remembered fondly by our children for a lifetime. The equipment and resources the BFG help fund, make learning even more engaging. Help us continue to create lasting memories for our children.

Thanks for reading and we hope to see some new faces at our meetings or helping at future events.

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