

# FRIENDS

## Of Bacton Primary School

### Spring Term Newsletter 2024

Last Term we secured a grant from Andy Mellen at Mid Suffolk District Council, the grant was for the purchase of the two new bins for the play area and one buddy bench. The purchase of the buddy bench was from a suggestion from parents within the school. From your support we have fundraised enough to buy a second bench which will be used out in the meadow during the summer.

If you have a suggestion of what you would like to see at school get in contact with us (email address at the end of the newsletter).



#### What is a Buddy Bench?

A buddy bench is somewhere children can sit if they ever feel sad, upset, worried or perhaps just a little bit lonely. Sitting on the buddy bench shows staff and the other children that they are in need of a friend or a 'buddy'.

Share the story at home: [www.youtube.com/watch?v=Et5lc3l2sRU](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Et5lc3l2sRU)

#### Events coming up:

26<sup>th</sup> April: Cake Sale afterschool

10<sup>th</sup> May: Super Hero Stroll:

Sponsored Walk: information to follow from School

W/C 10<sup>th</sup> June: Father's Day/ Someone Special Cupboard (lunchtime: days to be confirmed)

14<sup>th</sup> June: School Disco

June: Summer Fete (to coincide with Sports Day)

We will also be having pop up Ice-Cream Sales when there is hot weather as an afterschool Friday treat.

Watch out on social media for the posters for full information on these events.

School said:

We need a new Beebot to continue supporting computing and ICT skills.



With the money raised last term we have ordered the new Beebot

School said:

We need more equipment available at lunchtimes.

We have received a list of resources the Staff and play leaders would like, we are looking into grants and funds we might be able to access to fulfil this.

At the beginning of March we ran a Story Time Session to coincide with World Book Day.

We created some wonderful giraffes to take home, bookmarks to colour in and enjoyed listening to Giraffes Can't Dance.



A giraffe with rainbow spots, one wearing lipstick and this one is wearing a wedding dress!



What was in your gift bag?

The children were all really thoughtful when choosing their gifts for you. Thank you to Year 6s who helped with the Thursday cupboard 😊

Happy Mothers Day!



The Mother's Day / Someone Special Gift Cupboard was a huge success, raising £54. The children were all really thoughtful when choosing their gifts,

Unfortunately we didn't have the budget for the diamond ring that one child said that their Mummy would love! But we did have a lovely selection of treats.



With support from Bellway Homes we were able to purchase and run the Easter Egg Hunt for all the children. We hope they all had great fun! We were so impressed by how well they all worked together to complete their puzzle challenge.



### Decorate the Egg Competition:

We were egg-treably egg-cited to receive all the egg-cellent eggs! There really were some egg-ceptional designs by all the children! Our judge had a hard time judging but we are egg-static to see which egg-ceptional creations win over our judges!



We hope you love our newsletter!

Any comments or feedback please share with us via our email address found at the end of the newsletter ♥

### Who are we!

Friends are a group of parents, carers and teachers all working in partnership to support activities and run events in school. We are also passionate about running fun events for the children to enjoy and raise money towards new equipment, resources and outings.

We currently have a small group of active members who come up with ideas and make the decisions:

Lindsay: Joined us in 2023 and has many wonderful ideas and events in mind for 2024. Lindsay has a child in Year 3.

Nic: Joined us in 2023, and is passionate about providing events for the children. Nic has a child in Year 2.

Donna: Joined us in 2022 and is keen to get help and support from the wider community, looking for grants and funds to help reach our goals. Donna has a child in Year 1.

Behind the scenes we also have a wider group who step up to help out when events are planned and help to share our posters and information across the year groups.

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\*Do you have an idea to share with us?

\*Do you have fundraising ideas?

\*Want to help from time to time?

\*Suggestions for events you would like to see?

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