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Dear Parents and Carers,

PTA Update

It is with great sadness that I write to update you on our current position regarding our PTA. On Tuesday night we held our Annual General Meeting. During this evening we celebrated the success of the PTA as well as look to the future. Ordinarily during the AGM our current committee made up of a chair, treasurer and secretary stand down and a new committee for the next year is elected. Sadly, our current committee are not able to continue in their roles and due to no other interest or attendees of the evening we now no longer have a committee. This means at present the BFS PTA is no longer active.

I would like to take this moment to thank the committee for all their hard work, determination and drive to run the fantastic events which I know families and all our children have enjoyed greatly. From the school discos, to our amazing sunflower competition, letters from Santa and our brilliant firework and Summer Fayre. These amazing events not only bring enjoyment for all but they also have raised an incredible amount of money for the school, benefiting all the children. Just in this last year our PTA contributed to our Hidden Gem, Lego Shed, Craft Shed, new book bags, Jubilee celebrations plus many other exciting projects.

Sadly, with no committee we will not be able to run our Autumn discos, tuck shops or Christmas Fayre. We are saddened by this as we know these events will be missed by the children, however without the support of a committee and parent volunteers this is not something the school can organise on our own.

Please know it is not too late! There is still time for us to form a new committee and shape a new direction for BFS PTA. All we need is a new chair, treasurer and secretary and a large number of parent volunteers to support throughout the year.

What is the PTA?

It is a group of parents, carers and teachers who volunteer their time to raise money for the school. The funds raised are used to improve the experience and facilities for all learners to enjoy, whilst organising events that provide an opportunity for pupils and their families to come together as a community

Why should I join the PTA?

There are so many reasons to join the PTA, here are just some of them:

- Helping to raise vital funds for the school.
- Meeting other parents and getting to know the wider school community.
- Voting on the school funding requests.
- Be a part of a team, where there is no pressure to take on responsibility You can do as much or as little as you like.
- Organising or volunteer fun activities for all BFS families to enjoy.
- Because your time and skills are just what the PTA need to raise more money for the enjoyment of all children in our community! We can't do this without you!

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How do I get involved?

To get involved with the PTA, it is really easy!

BFS has an incredible school community and the PTA is a great way to get involved. You do not have to give up a lot of time to help, and a little help goes a long way! With the busy pressures of each day we deeply understand that time is never spare, however the more members and volunteers we can include the easier the running of the PTA will be.

If you would like to get involved or find out more, please contact the school office by email office@broadstonefirst.poole.sch.uk or speak with Mrs Wood or Mr Ball at drop off and pick up. We are more than happy to talk further with you about the PTA and the roles within. No experience is needed, support will be provided and as a school we will work closely together to ensure a successful committee is formed, with many volunteers to support.

We look forward to hearing from you.

Best wishes

Rebecca Wood

Head of School