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# BLEDINGTON SCHOOL ASSOCIATION



## **Hello and welcome to Bledington School!**

As you are new to Bledington School, we wanted to introduce you briefly to the BSA and explain a little bit about who we are and what we do.

### **What is the BSA?**

The BSA is short for the Bledington School Association and is what you might know as the Parent Teachers' Association. If you are a parent or carer of a child at Bledington School, then you are automatically a member of the BSA. The BSA exists to organise events and activities to bring the school and community together whilst at the same time raising funds to help support the school.

### **Who is the BSA Committee?**

The BSA Committee is made up of parents/carers as well as Miss Nessling and Ms Kewley. We meet on average once a term for about 1-1.5hrs during school time and during these meetings we plan social events and fundraising activities and also agree how to spend the money raised. The meetings are very informal and anyone with little ones can bring them along too and they can have a play while we meet. We are always looking for new members to join the Committee so if you are interested please speak to anyone on the Committee (details on the school website) or email us on the BSA email ([BSA@bledington.gloucs.sch.uk](mailto:BSA@bledington.gloucs.sch.uk)).

### **How do we raise funds?**

During the school year we normally hold a number of events to raise money, although obviously, due to Covid-19, the last year or so has been a little different from normal. These events vary from year to year but have included a Back to School Disco, a Family Barn Dance, a Christmas Wreath Making Evening, a Summer BBQ, Cake Sales and a Pig Racing Night. In addition to these events, we also run other fundraising initiatives including a raffle and the "100 Club". The "100 Club" is a bit like a lottery however there are only 100 tickets available, each costing only £12 for the whole year. There are 4 prizes of £5 each month as well as major prizes of £100 at Christmas, £75 at Easter and £75 during the summer.

### **How do we spend our funds?**

Over the years, the BSA has paid for lots of things for the school including new IT equipment, adventure playground equipment and an annual Christmas party for all pupils. In addition we often subsidise school trips and workshops.

### **How can you get involved?**

Needless to say, the more involved people are, the better it is for the school. Involvement can be anything from joining the BSA Committee or just lending a hand on an ad hoc basis with events (tidying/washing up, making a cake etc). Most importantly, even if you cannot help out with either of these, then please just come along to one of our events. They are always great fun and the more the merrier!

**Very best wishes from everyone on the BSA!**

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