



**BRIGSTOCK LATHAM'S
SCHOOL**

SCHOOL REPORT 2017-18

First of all, we want to say a huge thank you for all the support, time and energy from the PFA again this academic year.

We are so grateful for the ipads that have been the main purchase of the past year- they have really transformed so many lessons, for all age groups of children.



Last year we were really excited to launch our new logo, and the PFA helped us to purchase a number of signs which included the logo. The signs carry important messages for our children- such as our values and our playground charter. They also make our school's outdoor spaces look brighter and more welcoming, and all the signs have had such a positive impact.



We have also really benefitted from the extra art materials that have been purchased, and the 'added extras' such as the support for the advent window, which forms such an important part of this community event within the village.

We are really delighted with the xylophones. Our new music scheme relies on their use, and we can now involve all the children so fully in every music session. As the scheme becomes embedded across the school, we look forward to sharing musical items in assemblies that involve using the xylophones.

We continue to be so grateful for the way in which our PFA steps in to provide refreshments at so many events- and already this year we have had such a lot of support at the Reception Coffee Morning. Thank you so much to everyone involved.

At a time when school budgets are ever-tighter, the support and funding from the PFA is more important than ever.

LOOKING FORWARD...

This year, we have a number of projects that will rely on funding from the PFA. First of all, we have plans for the Living Advent, and have booked our date already- December 5th. We hope that we can create our window for approximately £70 for wood and specialist paint and varnish. We would also like to ask for PFA support for refreshments on the night. There will be an event in the school hall prior to the opening of the window. This event will mark the end of our Day 10 unit, as a celebration of the homecoming of soldiers from the war in time for Christmas. There will be a tea party, singing and dancing, followed by the Advent Window opening for the village.

We have had confirmation of our ownership of the garden space by the playground. This will be a big and ongoing project to create a wonderful learning space for our children. We are looking to put together a group of people to look at ways we can move this forward and would like to ask if anyone from the PFA is interested. We will cost out options, and this will be a fund-raising focus for the immediate future.

We would like to purchase another set of ipads (approx. £4,500) although we recognise that we may have to put this on hold if costings for the garden space are high.

We are also interested in resurfacing the football playground, with a safer surface with markings- Mrs Griggs will investigate costings.

Specialist art materials/ projects will be purchased from Art Attack money.

Maths is a strong focus on our School Development Plan this year, and we may request some funding for the extra resources needed to implement the new approaches to Maths.

Many thanks, and we look forward to working with you again this year.

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