



Volunteers: September 2014 – June 2015

Burdett-Coutts & Townshend Foundation

CE Primary School

Working Together in Faith, Hope and Love

Summary of Range of Volunteers

We are fortunate to have an amazing collective of 31 volunteers at Burdett-Coutts from Beanstalk, John Lewis, the community and Westminster School, who support 53 of our pupils. They bring with them a range of skills and experience that can enhance the learning opportunities, achievement and enjoyment of children at our school. The impact of their work has been:

- **An average improvement in pupils' Reading of 2.2 sub-levels, with 1 child making 5 sub-levels progress**
- **An average improvement in pupils' Writing of 2.3 sub-levels**
- **An average improvement in pupils' Mathematics of 2 sub-levels.**

We welcome and encourage volunteers from the all sections of the local community. Our volunteers include:

- Parents and other relatives of pupils
- Members of the Governing Body
- Ex-pupils
- Students on work experience
- Ex-members of staff
- Local residents

Volunteering Opportunities

The types of activities that volunteers support and assist with include:

- Hearing children read
- Working with small groups of children
- Working alongside individual children
- Undertaking art and craft activities with children
- Assisting with after-school clubs
- Working with children on the computers
- Accompanying school visits

The Benefits of Volunteering

For the children: improvements in understanding, achievement, self-confidence and self-esteem.

For teaching staff: greater opportunity to work with other children, enabling the class as a whole to learn more effectively and achieve more.

For the volunteer: a great sense of achievement and personal satisfaction, new knowledge and new skills and improved career prospects.

What has Volunteering Achieved so far at Burdett-Coutts

Our school and our pupils are lucky enough to benefit, on a daily basis, from the fantastic efforts of our many brilliant volunteers, who have helped in the achievement of a wide range of important activities and benefits, including:

- Supporting learning across the curriculum
- Supporting book week
- Supporting clubs
- Assistance with assemblies and a wide variety of other school events, including school plays and productions

Support For Volunteers

We greatly value and appreciate the time and effort that each of our volunteers generously gives to our school, whether it is on a regular or more ad hoc basis. In order to try to make our volunteers feel welcomed, valued and well informed about our school - including its activities, values and objectives – we aim to provide active and positive support to our volunteers in several ways, including:

- A Welcome Pack, supporting a structured induction process
- Regular newsletters
- Termly socials to meet the class teacher and to learn from and support each other.

Becoming a Volunteer

Anyone wishing to become a volunteer, either for a one off event, such as a school visit, or on a more regular basis (eg: hearing children read), should approach the School Volunteers Coordinator, **Ms Karen Baker**, who would be happy to explain the volunteering opportunities at our school in more detail and to answer any questions prospective volunteers may have. She can be contacted via the main school office: **020 7828 6790** or via e-mail:

kbaker@burdettcoutts.co.uk

Volunteers will be asked to complete a Volunteer Information Sheet with their contact details, type of activities they would like to help with, and the times they are available to help.

Before starting, volunteers will also be required to complete the Volunteer Agreement which sets out the school's expectations of volunteers but, just as importantly, explains what volunteers can expect from our school. Prospective volunteers will also be required to complete a routine Disclosure Barring Service application (DBS check), before starting to help in school.