

Home School Association AGM 04/10/2018

Attendees: Michelle Marsland, Mandy Raftery, Cara Keig, Kate Deasey, Michaela Leigh, Helen Vaccaro, Clare Gillen, Amanda Watkinson and Mrs J.

Apologies: Sarah Rotchell, Lindsay Warburton and Joanne Savage.

Introductions were made, welcome to Clare who has a daughter in class 4.

We are very sad to lose Cara as the HSA treasurer, we all thank her for her many years on the HSA! Mandy Raftery will take over the position of treasurer and Amanda Watkinson has kindly offered to take up the position of chairperson.

The HSA Natwest bank account has been fully updated. The signatures are Mrs Hayward, Kate Deasey and Michelle Marsland. The other signatures have been removed.

HSA coffee afternoons will be coming back on the last Friday of the month but we all felt it should be named a parent coffee afternoon as we will not be discussing HSA matters. Mrs J would like to invite the school nurse, police etc on occasions to discuss useful topics with parents.

Mandy and Michelle thought a termly HSA newsletter separate to the school newsletter might be useful especially around the Christmas period. We can give plenty of notice on dates of events and information on items to donate around this time.

We received a cheque for the amount of £945.00 from Lymm Ladies Day. This is a fantastic amount and greatly increases the HSA funds. Cara attended the Lymm Ladies Day meeting last week. The committee are looking into changing the format of the day. They are looking into a Race Day and instead of goody bags, offering table favours. Amanda advised that Ann from The Swan with Two Nicks would like to sponsor a table at the event next year.

We discussed events and dates for the forthcoming year:

Wednesday 24th of October 2018- Spooky Bingo, 6pm-7:30pm.

Wednesday 7th of November 2018- Spooky Sparkles theme in exchange for Father Christmas wrapped gifts (approximate value of £2).

Wednesday 21st of November 2018- Non-Uniform day in exchange for teddies/soft toys for the Dickensian Stall.

Wednesday 28th of November 2018- Festive/Christmas hair in exchange for bottles for the bottle tombola at the Christmas Fair.

Saturday 1st of December 2018- Breakfast with Santa.

Wednesday 5th of December 2018- Christmas Fare, 6pm to 7:30pm.

Saturday 8th of December 2018- Dickensian parade (theme to be confirmed) Stall with Teddy Tombola.

Sunday 9th or 16th of December (date to be confirmed)- Church Carol Service.

Wednesday 12th of December 2018- Little Bollington Carol Singing at the triangle.

Tuesday 18th and Wednesday 19th of December 2018- Christmas Production

Friday 21st of December 2018- Christingle Service

Friday 1st of February 2019- Wear orange for Muscle Dystrophy Day in exchange for £1.

Wednesday 13th February 2019- Valentent.

Thursday 4th of April 2019- Neon Party.

Friday 5th of July 2019- Summer Fare 3:30pm to 5pm

Amanda had a good idea of a 'rock and roll' bingo game. We thought this would be a good idea for a family event.

A family car was also suggested as another fundraising event.

Treasurers Report (please see attached sheet). The balance of the HSA bank account is £4,073.02. We discussed the HSA continuing to fund the coaches for school trips. On average we raise between £3000 and £4000 per year and with the costs of the coaches approximately £3,250 we needed to think if we can continue to fund the full amount as it would leave very little funds for anything else. After taking a vote it was unanimously decided to cover 50% of the coach costs for the next year and for it to be reviewed at the next AGM. All agreed that it needs to be made clear on the letters going out to parents the exact costs of school trips and how much the HSA is covering.

Parents need to know that the donations they make and the events they attend raise money for the HSA and in turn help to reduce costs of school trips which benefits and children.

Any other business: Mrs J requested new CD players for each classroom. Mrs J also talked about the science garden, help with funding and getting families involved in aspects of this with a bird box making morning. Mandy, Cara and Michelle asked for new hot water flask for events and coffee afternoons. Aldi tend to have them at this time of year, if in store we will purchase them.

We all agreed it might be a good idea for each class to have a parents whats ap group as not all parents use the school Facebook page.

Class 1 already have a group managed by Helen.

Class 2 will be set up by Mandy.

Class 3 will be set up by Michelle.

Class 4 will be set up by Michaela.

A slip will be sent home in book bags giving parents the option to join the group if they want to. The group will be used as another information source like the Facebook page.