

Lessness School & Family Association

Meeting Minutes Wed 22 February 2017

The Key points of the meeting were:

1. The views of the Parents in the room was that the School should not do a Red Nose Day 2017 Event – it was felt that enough donations would have been made buying red noses and t shirts etc from other sources. The view was also pretty unanimous that Parents would rather money be put towards raising funds for the School. Things like a regular “Funky Friday” were suggested, (possibly monthly) where children could come in their regular clothes, or with crazy hair etc with £1 donations going towards to LSFA.
2. A Year 6 Leavers Committee will be set up, comprised of Year 6 Parents, to arrange the Year 6 Leaver Event (dates tbc). Another Enterprise week was suggested to raise funds, and there was a lot of enthusiasm from the Parents in getting started with this project.
3. The Easter Egg colouring competition will go ahead, using the same format as the Christmas Bear one. Competition sheets will be issued around the 13th March, with the Competition Closing on the 23rd. The Winner will be announced in School, either at a Mother’s Day event on the 24th or at an Easter Cake Sale on the 31st March.
4. The possibility of a May Craft Afternoon was suggested, with the suggestion being made that an entry fee is charged or that several ticketed events take place so we get an idea of the number of attendees and the number of volunteers needed beforehand. Possibly taking place before the May Half Term, SATS pending.
5. A Fundraising “Totaliser” will be put in a prominent position, in order for Parents and Children to see how we are doing with our goal total. Updates will go out, showing how much we are raising and ultimately what we’re fundraising for.
6. Angie Cooper spoke about setting up a “50/50 Club” in School, possibly from March, the idea being that £1 buys you 1 entry – after the closing date the winning envelope is drawn with the winner taking 50% of the total money collected. The remaining 50% will then go into the LSFA fundraising pot. It was decided that the money would be

placed into an envelope, the outside of which would have the entrants name and phone number. Any number of entries per person is permitted (1 envelope per entry) but it is for adults only.

7. Melody Irlam spoke about how she would like the LSFA to help with her March Showcase – providing tea, coffee and refreshments to the guests and the performers in her Showcase plus being additional eyes on the Children. The date for that will be the last Wednesday of term (29 March).
8. The idea was raised of the LSFA selling tea and coffee at the Parents' Evenings, and also promoting the LSFA in general. The School was also thinking of having an information table so there is the possibility that the two could be combined. The refreshments would be sold, or donations given, as there were some thoughts that the donations may actually be more generous than charging per cup.

On the subject of donations it was suggested that perhaps the School Sims Agora page could have an option added for parents to make a donation that way. Mrs Porritt will look into that and advise whether it can be arranged.

9. Tara and Hayley from the MDS Team spoke about how they would like donations of art equipment, play bricks, books etc for the Children at Lunchtime – they have been supplementing the things provided by the School with their own money and had put out a general appeal for donations on the Lessness Reminders Facebook Group. They were also asking about bamboo screening to go along the fence between the Playground and the Scout Hut as a lot of things were being lost through the fence, and also for permanent blackboards to go on a wall. It was mentioned that B&Q will often donate or sell items cheaply to Groups such as ours so Sharon Porritt will mention this to Dave Cox, as he already has an account for the School.

There are quite a lot of pens, pencils and crayons in the LSFA Shed which are essentially going to waste, so Sam and Angie will meet with Tara and Hayley to donate some bits immediately. Tara and Hayley will also liaise with Mrs Smith and Dave Cox re the practicalities of the screening and blackboards as the LSFA may be able to make a donation if the School feel it's appropriate.

10. The idea of an Inflatables day during the School holidays was mentioned, given that the School has such generous grounds and that many of the School Children live

nearby. This has been done in the past at Mayplace, so Mrs Porritt will speak with her contact there to see if it is a viable prospect for Lessness Heath.

There was also a discussion about arranging a Soft Play bus to come into School- possibly at the same time as a Bouncy Castle Day.

11. We discussed the Tea Hut idea, and there was a lot of support for it starting once the weather is a bit nicer.
12. Sheets were placed at the back of the room, asking people to sign up and register their interest in helping with the Tea Hut, The Showcase, The Easter Cake Sale and . There was also a sheet for people to leave email details and Sam Clarke will write and welcome all those who signed up. The LSFA Facebook page details also went out on the Lessness Reminders Facebook page, and will be linked into the email from Sam Clarke to new members.

DIARY DATES

3 March	50/50 Club
13 March	Easter Egg Colouring Competition
23 March	Parents' Evening LSFA Refreshment Stall (Volunteers Needed, please!)
29 March	Melody Irlam's Showcase (Volunteers Needed, please!)
30 March	Parents' Evening LSFA Refreshment Stall (Volunteers Needed, please!)
31 March -	LSFA Cake Sale – (Cake Donations and Volunteers Needed, please!)
27 April	Next Coffee Morning
14 July	Summer Fair – Save the Date!