

HSA AGM 14 SEPTEMBER 2011

IN ATTENDANCE:

COMMITTEE: Kirsten Webster, Lee Proctor, Julie Crocker

PARENTS/CARERS: Debbie Townsend (parent - Baby Unit), Kate Parsons (parent - Barn Unit), Margaret Duffy (grandparent - Dairy Unit), Sarah Williamson-Jones (parent - Baby Unit), Rosie Wilkinson (parent - Dairy Unit), Rebecca George (parent- Barn Unit)

Absent: Sarah Blank (parent - Dairy Unit), Kate Allen (parent - Dairy Unit)

Agenda:

1. Overview of 2011/2012 events and goals
2. Confirming fundraising events and dates for the year
3. Suggestions for further fundraising
4. MacMillan Coffee morning organisation
5. Christmas Raffle

Notes:

1. Overview of events/goals: As outlined in the HSA leaflet for the year we are hoping more parents and carers can get involved in organising and facilitating HSA events. In January we formalised the HSA as a charity which gives us more flexibility and more support for organising (ie through charity platforms) and the financial side of the organisation (eg cheaper advertising/marketing). The HSA is responsible for the running of the school bus and we have been made aware that this is in need of updating. It was brokered by parents at the end of the last school year that this would be a good focus of our fundraising efforts this year. We have quotes of approx £10-12k to buy a new bus outright or lease at £300/mth.

We'd like to thank those parents/carers who have stepped up with ideas and enthusiasm to help us with our goals this year.

We require parent/carer representatives from each unit to act and ears and voices between the HSA and parents. We cannot function without the support of families and friends of the school - so input and feedback is crucial. Thus far Kate Parsons has volunteered as a rep for the Barn Classes. We require at least 2 from each unit. Please contact Kirsten Webster if you would like to volunteer. There are no other obligations other than a link for parents/carers.

2. Events:

- Wed 28 Sept — MacMillan Big Coffee Morning - from 8am — stay for a cuppa (upstairs via Barn) or takeaway.
- NOTE CHANGE: Sat 5 November — Nearly New Sale - set up 8.30—sale starts 9.30am— 11.30am
- Thursday 24 November—Ladies Night - 'Christmas Shopping Night' from 7.30pm
- Tuesday 13 December - Christmas Fair & Raffle draw
- Sat 4 Feb —Make/Bake workshop - *NEW* 'things to do with your kids' -
- Sat 24/31 March —Easter Hunt TBC
- Sunday 13 May—Boot Sale in school grounds 10am-12noon (follow-on from other Sal weekly boot sale)
- Fri 15/22 June -Sports Day
- Fri 13 July—School BBQ TBC

3. Other Fundraising ideas:

- Kate Parson has put forward a fundraising idea used at local schools:

<http://www.bag-4-good.co.uk/>

The Bag-4-Good scheme is completely free and can raise hundreds of pounds with every collection made for your school or your local charity.

Bag-4-good helps to supply good quality clothing to people in Africa who cannot afford world market prices. We also supply 'warm' clothing to smaller markets in Eastern Europe.

We pay 50p per kilo, which is £500 per tonne! Just imagine what that could do for your School or local charity!

We are also running a school leader board, where you can track the top performing schools per term. The School at the top of the leader board at the end of each term will be awarded a bonus of £250!

- Margaret Duffy suggested placing a 'Nodding Angel' in the foyer that nods whenever a coin is donated.
- Sarah Williamson-Jones suggested childrens pictures on teatowels - which developed into a discussion about children's aprons or the like.
- We introduced a discussion about getting the children involved - such as sponsorship. Rebecca George suggested a 'Wellie Walk' which we could facilitate around the school and woods after Christmas.
- Community Open Farm day - Pig races/ tractor races etc
- Applying for donations from Education/Outreach trusts
- Waitrose charity bins in the local store foyer
- Apply for National Lottery grant (0845 4 10 20 30 for an application form, or visit www.awardsforall.org.uk)

4. **MacMillan Coffee morning organisation:** As in previous years we are going to set a table in the foyer for selling cakes and takeaway coffee/tea in the foyer. Cakes will also be available in the baby unit for a small donation. Parents/Carers are also encouraged to stay for a chat and a cuppa in the upstairs classroom (which can be accessed via the Barn). Here is the roster for the event in the foyer:

8am-9am Julie, 9am-10am Rosie (to be joined by Kirsten), Kate and Debbie to confirm if able to assist. Antony upstairs.

5. **Christmas Raffle** - We hope this to be bigger and better than previous years and it will be supported by all 3 nursery schools. We require suggestions of businesses to approach for contributions towards prizes and volunteers to assist with running this. We have a letter to approach businesses with.

Keep an eye out for regular HSA meetings - notices on the foyer board.