Minutes from Parents' Association Meeting – 20/1/16

- Apologies from Sam Bentall, Andrea Clintworth and Jan Sweeney.
- The Christmas activities collectively raised £2,770.80 and the PA balance stands at £6,112.63. This healthy profit was thought to be due to CT buying the ipad mini for the raffle: a 'bonanza' prize generates more interest, so it was worth the investment. JJ suggested that thankyou letters be sent to companies that donated prizes. LE to draft letter and JJ to post out. JJ made the point that the Santa Dash also brought in lots of sponsorship. The Xmas Grotto and crafts were successful, although as CN pointed out, there wasn't much of a take up of refreshments. Next year, LE will secure a Father Christmas and already has someone in mind. The Santa suit in storage should, preferably, be worn.
- LE raised the issue of accounts with the treasurer. CT to check that cheques from the previous year have gone into the PA line of accounting so that items funded by the PA can be processed correctly. LE will also check with office staff.
- VB raised the issue of whether we want to book the pantomime for next year. It was felt by KE and JJ that the early years really enjoyed it. VB to confirm the booking for next year – PA will set aside £1000 for this.
- The committee felt that the PA needs to recruit more volunteers to help with events, particularly at Christmas. We need to publicise activities and push the point to parents that without more help, we may not be able to put on so many events in the future.
- Looking forward to this term's events, it was agreed that we would hold another disco for Years 3 – 6 on Wednesday 24th February. LE to book DJ, JJ to write letter to parents, CT to check supplies. NM raised the point that some parents had grumbled about the price last time but it was agreed that the ticket price is to be £3.75, in recognition that costs have risen over the years. Delegation of tasks to be discussed at the next meeting.
- Easter Egg Bingo – to be held on Wednesday 23rd March in the Infant Hall @ 3:40pm. To be promoted from 14/3. JJ to write a letter to parents asking for a donation of chocolate eggs or money. LE and VB suggested own clothes day for those who brought in a donation - 18/3 ? The committee would need: a working microphone, a bingo machine, raffle books, raffle prize and refreshments. Details to be discussed next meeting.
- Decorate an Egg Competition - £1 entry fee. Children can bring in a decorated egg on 31/3 to be judged on 1/4.
- CT suggested that we do 'Cash for Clothes' as this is a relatively straightforward fundraiser. This would have to be after Easter. Tbc at next meeting.
- A.O.B.: there were suggestions of other fundraising activities that could be done before the end of the academic year. LE suggested a car wash – there could be a one-way system through the gate and out of the yard onto Woolton Road to ease congestion; children would use buckets of water, not hoses. Other suggestions by EW were a car boot sale – we would need a licence - or an old-fashioned rummage sale (LE). CN suggested a 'Mosspits Link' type pamphlet which could advertise parents' businesses for a charge. CT pointed out that we would have to cost out the price of professional printers. (To discuss further at the next meeting). KE has said

the idea of the flash mob is now out of favour with the children. LE suggested the 'One Hundred Club".

- CN raised the issue of getting a PA notice board and LE thought that having something visual to show off our fund raising efforts plus a suitable target to aim for would be good. Suggestions from LE were: a fire pit, a canvas 'leaf' cover for the picnic area, a quality, more sturdy greenhouse that would weather the storms, or some fruit trees for the garden. We need to decide on one of these. LE to speak to Karen about the potential cost of a new greenhouse. KE proposed that we fund new bibs for the cross-country team. She will liaise with Miss Warne and Mr Kelly and report back at the next meeting.
- All members of the committee were thanked for their efforts.
- Meeting closed @ 4:50pm
- Next meeting 10/2/16