

## **St. Michael's CE Primary School, Bodenham**

### **Parents' Association meeting @ The Railway Inn, Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2016**

**Present:** Claire Brown, Becky Fletcher (Vice Chair), Clare Lewis (Treasurer), Nadine Williams, Sue Coleman and Tim Wilson

**Apologies were received from:** Steph Wilson, Pru Woods, Leila Jackson and Sophie Allen

- The meeting was called to order.
- There were no minutes available to approve from the previous meeting.
- The Treasurer reported that all was well, and that the P. A. bank account balance looked healthy.
- The Vice Chair reported that the **"Fur, Fire and Ice" Ball** at Lyde Court was fast approaching and that there were 161 confirmed guests attending. Help would be needed on Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> to prepare the venue. Offers of support were received from Clare L, Claire B, Nadine W and Pru W. Pru has paid a £2,000 deposit and she needs to be repaid for this. The organisation of the Squares board was going well and this would also be available on the night. There were also at least 4 tickets for the event still available.
- The **Bingo event at The British Legion** in Leominster was a success, although it was not something that we had organised before and so was out of our experience. Claire B will apply for a Monday evening time slot if available, as these are better-attended on the whole. We will plan to hold two **Wear What You Like Days** at the beginning of October and after half term in the autumn, to allow for donations for bingo prizes.
- The **Christmas Fayre** was once again a success, and was very busy although we are not sure if the Farmer's Market did as well as previously. The brass ensemble was a particular highlight of the afternoon. It was also lovely to see so many past families returning to support the school. It was noted that the donations on the door were very generous and that this was preferable to asking for a set entrance fee.
- Many thanks to Clare L for organising the **School Christmas Disco** at the last moment. It was felt to be a big improvement on previous discos, in that the people running it were far more interactive and had a lot of activities prepared for the children. We will look into using them again, even though they cost more money.
- Thanks to Donna D for organising the **Christmas gift "experiences"** (rather than hampers) at the end of term. These were a great success and so we would like to continue with that format this coming year as well.
- The **P. A. Information board** at the first Parents' Evenings of the year were well-received and we would like to do this again next year. We would also like to put a P. A. insert into the school prospectus (Claire B will investigate this).
- We liked having the **Christmas decorations**, but we know that it was a lot of work for just a few people. Would it be easier to have the children/staff prepare a base of some kind, so that it can then be added-to on the day?
- The **Christmas cards** designed by the children were a good thing to do. We will ask Donna D if she is okay to continue with it. If possible it would be good to have more warning next time.

- We will remember to all sign and then varnish the new **Buddies Benches** in the playground, when we have spell of better weather and the wood is dried out properly.
- We will ask Natasha Adams to proceed with setting up an account on a **shopping website** that will donate to the Parents' Association whenever someone makes a purchase through that portal.
- We are sorry to hear that the **Malvern Flower Show** event has had to be cancelled, but we perfectly understand.
- We will look into organising a **Duck Race** through Bodenham. Claire B will ask Pencombe PTA about borrowing their ducks. Becky F will liaise with Mike Stevens, with regards to how to run the event and if there are any authorities who need to be contacted. Date to be confirmed.
- We will run a **"Wackier Marathon"** at school as a fundraiser, to build on the success of last year's event. It will be held in the summer term on the field, and will hopefully include obstacles such as hoops, a parachute, water pistols, etc. we will sort this out during the first week after the half term break. If we need help we can ask Steph Wilson and / or Sophie Allen. Clare B will ask Yr6 children. Sports Relief Day this year is on Friday 18<sup>th</sup> March. We will be dressing as sporting heroes for the day.
- **Mothers' Day** this year falls on Friday 4<sup>th</sup> March. We will again give the children the opportunity to put together gifts for their Mothers. Clare L will sort out chocolates from Bookers. We will ask the Classes to make their own labels.
- **Easter Bingo** will be held at school during the last week of term on Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> March. We will serve hotdogs from 5.00p.m. and start the bingo at 5.30p.m. TW and the Yr 6 children will be the callers. We will ask Morrisons about any donations that they might give of hotdog rolls and Hot Cross Buns.
- The school is already holding a **Scavenger Hunt** as part of our World Book Day activities. There may be an opportunity to do more along these lines next year.
- **Cake of the Week** will stop at the end of this term, and we will do our best to fill the remaining slots. After the Easter Holidays we will again run **Frozen Fridays** when ice lollies are on sale at home time on Friday afternoons.
- Becky F will mull over taking on the position of Chair.
- We have set **provisional dates** for some dates in the summer term, so that Trevor Hill can be booked again:  
Beach Trip – Friday 8<sup>th</sup> July  
Sports Day / Summer Fete – Friday 15<sup>th</sup> July

The meeting was closed at 9.00p.m.

