



Busby Parent Support Group Meeting

Monday 13th Jan 2020, 11am

Busby Nursery Parents Group - <https://www.facebook.com/groups/2240405602904814/>

Attendees : Jackie Toman (PT), Mrs Boyce, Laura Brookman (Chair), Patricia Anderson (Treasurer)

Treasurer's report

£976.22 – current balance after Xmas presents and Xmas Fayre items

£140.20 sales @ Xmas Fayre. Outgoings £68.25

Feedback

Xmas prezies received good feedback.

Parents had mentioned to the group that they felt the stage times at the nativity were disproportionate, and that the second part with the Bute pupils seemed to have less lines/stage time. Mrs Toman advised that they held auditions, for those that wanted to have a speaking part. Not all children could have a line as it would have made the running time too long. They staff fitted it in the best way they could with the logistics they had, and tried to keep it as even as possible. Practicing with the children attending different hours was tricky and limited practice time was allowed by the church. There was lots going on in the school to try and book the gym hall.

Santa Visit – Two Santas seemed to work well, and was the best way to fit in everybody they could given the different attendance patterns.

Meeting times – need to clarify if nursery or Parent Group was sending out the request. Agreed the PG will design the question. Evening meetings will be tricky as CDO's only available before 6pm and they still need to consider staffing ratios and rotas. Only Senior Management Team would be available after 6pm.

February Treat –

Mrs Tomas has enquired with Shoogly Road Theatre, and has been quoted £300 for 2 performances. Need to find a day that incorporates as many children as possible. Fire hazards if we looked to invite non-day-attendees in with their parents. Can consider using the church hall for space but if we leave the building H&S assessments need carried out. For full day attendees, would the morning children then remain in nursery in the afternoon so as not to repeat the session and impact their learning time?

Fundraising Events Opportunities

It was remarked that the Smartie Tubes are not proving as successful as previous years. However the nursery will still run this this year but will review the school calendar to ensure it doesn't overlap with any major events as this may impact some families and fall under 'Cost of the School Day'

The Parent Group will help share on Facebook and highlight all ways to donate via the tubes.

The group will look to host a parents-only night in the pub, this will hopefully happen in the Spring. (Poss Fri 29th May) and we hope this will be a nice opportune it for all to get to know each other in time for those kids moving into P1 and those who will remain in Nursery.

Daffodil Tea – will this be hosted this year? Mrs Toman to discuss with staff and decide if we will host this year. This a fundraiser for McMillan Cancer Support and not the nursery. Last year this was coupled with an Easter Assembly, would this be held again?

Tea Towels, this year 2 would be needed for Arran/Bute due to numbers. Only £20 profit for a lot of organising so this will not be run this year.

Need start to think of other ideas for keepsake items. These could be sold by the nursery or at the school Summer Fayre.

Funding Requests

School Ties need funded for the end of term.

We are hoping to book Kidnetic to host an end of term celebration, but will this require funding? We have discussed charging a nominal amount to cover costs but not to be used to generate profits. However we would not want cost to become a barrier to anyone.

Review of previous Action Points

Password protection for the blog? - Blog is live again, no password protection available. Only children with consent are pictured. Content published is monitored as well.

More volunteers are required for next year, as 4 of the 5 committee members have children moving to P1. We need volunteers to become banking signatories.

We discussed applying for charitable status but unless we gather more volunteers for the committee we cannot consider applying to OSCR. We have also discussed setting up a Paypal account to help with online donations and payments.

AOB

New staff photographs to go up on the board.

Integrating Arran and Bute. Pre-schoolers will now be getting mixed for transition, music and activity based groups in the gym hall, MUGA and Playground.

Busby Glen community trips – closed for improvement works. Church Garden risk assessment carried out. Poss visit again to ensure outdoor play is met. Other ideas being considered.

Action Points to carry forward :

- Survey to parent to determine best meeting days / times - **GROUP**
- Speak to theatre company again, check best price, availability, and gym hall. Consider Poss run on a Saturday/Sunday in the church instead. Also contact Williamwood to see if the drama students could offer something similar to reduce cost. - **MRS TOMAN**
- Agree fundraising projects and launch - **GROUP AND NURSERY**
- Parent's social night - **GROUP**
- End of term treat - **GROUP**
- Daffodil Tea - **MRS TOMAN**
- Recruit New Committee - **GROUP AND NURSERY**

Next Meeting Date – Friday 31st January, 2pm Bute.