

ASHDOWN BRONTE ASSOCIATION

COMMITTEE MEETING - MONDAY 2 NOVEMBER 2009, 7.45pm

Present: Lisé Laycock, Louise Lancaster, John Lancaster, Claire Hanafin, Suzie Tarleton, Lisa Shaw, Jo Whiteley, Angela Hammond, Diane Cochrane, Mandy Bowling, Wendy Cope, Mair Ainsworth, Christine Hodgson, Mr Dunn, Ali Hinchliffe.

Apologies: Helen Childs, Caron Bakes

Last Meeting: Recorded as true and correct.

Treasurers Report: Accounts with the Accountant and being audited at the moment. Up to date balance of £6,799.51. Once they have been audited Mandy Bowling will take over as Treasurer. Regular updates will be provided for the notice boards.

ABA Letter Head: The ABA needs more of an identity and Lisé Laycock showed a basic rough design of a 'Bronte-Saurus' in School colours by Alison McPherson. The design has been selected and Jo Whiteley will now look at how we can integrate words etc for all letterheads and literature sent out from the ABA.

Children's Presents: Angela Hammond struck an excellent deal with Wilkinsons and has purchased all and wrapped the majority of them. A big thank you to Angela. Mair, Lisa and Louise have agreed to wrap the remaining boxes on 6 November after assembly.

Christmas Fayre:

Café: John Lancaster would like to run the Café again and provide Bacon Butties, large sausage rolls and cheese pasties. Mince pies to be provided by the ABA - Suzie Tarleton to look at providing a bulk supply. Wendy to order sausage rolls, cheese pasties and rolls and pick up on the morning of the fayre. John to order and pick up the bacon, TK and brown sauce. John to confirm numbers to Wendy and Lisé. Lisé Laycock to purchase all soft drinks. Mulled Wine to be supplied with a donation box for contributions.

A copy of the rota to be provided in the kitchen.

Raffle: Donations received so far - slab of beer from Mrs Shoesmith-Evans, Toy Story Storybook Collection and Christmas Fleece Sleeping Bag with a polar bear from Mrs McNicholas. Second hand video games - John and Louise have negotiated with a Game Shop that vouchers will be given in exchange for as many second hand video games as we can collect. An appeal to be sent out to children and parents in the next weekly bulletin - they need to be boxed with instructions and in good working order. It was suggested that the main prize should be a PS3 or an Xbox 360 – this will be decided at the next meeting. Ali Hinchliffe has requested more people to sell the tickets walking round the fayre but also have an allocated point where tickets can be sold. It was suggested by Mair that raffle tickets were stapled to the cake boxes sent home with the children for parents to buy tickets prior to the fayre should they wish to. New raffle tickets to be provided.

Rainbow Stall/Tombola - It was agreed that the Tombola should not be held this year but the ever popular Rainbow Stall will go ahead as usual. Colour schemes as follows:

Pre-Nursery & Nursery	-	Gold
Reception	-	Red
Year 1	-	Green
Year 2	-	Blue
Year 3	-	Orange
Year 4	-	Purple
Year 5	-	Pink
Year 6	-	Yellow

There will be a prize for the class that brings in the most items.

Christmas Stall: Louise Lancaster showed a few items to be sold. All were very well received and Mandy to set a budget and Louise will purchase them this week. Angela Hammond suggested that any left over Christmas Stall items should be sold at the Nativities and Christmas performances.

Boys and girls stall: TBA

Lucky Dip: TBA - Diane Cochrane to manage.

Christmas Tree Straws Game: Gold coins as prizes. Diane Cochrane to manage.

Crafts: Mair Ainsworth and Julia Z to plan and run the craft room.

Cakes: Wendy and Angela to price up the cost of 300 cake boxes.

Guess the weight of the cake: Wendy Bowling to make a Christmas cake and Bob Cochrane will decorate it.

Christmas Bean Bag games: Haribos as prizes.

Guess the Cuddly Toy birthday: £1 a go and will require 2 people selling them at any time.

Grotto: **Information restricted by Santa**

Second Hand Uniform: Normally run by Miss Hugill.

Independent stalls: All requests to be made via Lisé Laycock at l.laycock@sky.com
Orchestra and Choir: Mr Phenny to organise and these children will be allowed to pre-book Santa slots prior to the day. Mr Dunn agreed to play Christmas Carols on the piano during the fayre.

Secrets Shop: **Information restricted by Santa**

School Discos: Date for 2010 is 8 October. Mr Dunn to book the DJ. Both Discos will be held on the same night.

Any Other Business:

Christmas Hamper: Suzie to organise. ABA members are donating £5 which should be left in the School Office.

Christmas Cards: Designs should be back in school by 4/11. Orders should be back within 1 week. Thanks to Louise Lancaster for organising and the staff for helping the children.

Angela Hammond suggested filling a car with balloons, wrapped presents and people guessing how many are in. Lisa Shaw to look into car to use.

Wendy to price up cost of helium for the remaining stock of balloons.

Punch balloons to be given away as prizes instead of chocolates on the Christmas stalls.

It was agreed that a Teacher's bulletin should be sent on a regular basis so that they are fully aware of what is happening in the run up to all the Christmas fundraisers, what the children will be bringing in to school and when to expect it. Lisé Laycock to organise

Next Meeting: Monday 23 November at 7.45pm. All parents welcome.