

SASA AGENDA: Thursday 20th January '22

Attendees:

Helen Reid (Vice-Chair), Vikki Simpson (Communications), Anna Chamberlain (Secretary), Jason Clarke, Annie Arnold, Jill Horner, Liz Hurren, Richard Cohen, Nichola Heer, Emily Johnstone, Eleanor Cameron, Mazz Image, Anita Matadeen, Katie Small, Paul Tucker, Julie Blyth.

Apologies: Emma Edwards, Ian Johnstone

Review - Christmas Fair (Jill)

The fair was a great school community event, lots of people came and great collaboration between staff & SASA parents, just like the Victorian Fair – a nice model to take forward.

Reps did find it hard to recruit parent helpers in some classes -acknowledgement that parental engagement has taken a knock due to Covid & lockdowns.

Jill has collated feedback from reps on class stalls and saved on the SASA Google drive for next year's organisers (still to be recruited!).

Changes this year:

- 1) Fewer craft stall holders. Anita reported that they were generally happy and keen to return next year. They liked the position close to the grotto, although missed not hearing the children singing.
- 2) Use of space, with stalls outside and the café in the hall.
- 3) The ride was a nice addition – we knew it would make a loss but it made for a nice atmosphere.

Attendees agreed that having the café in the larger space of the hall gave it a nice feel (and raised more funds than last year) although Helen reported that having no running water was a complication. Had to use disposable cups because no washing up facilities, so environmentally less desirable.

Jill reminded us that we usually secure the Christmas Fair date in the school calendar by Easter. It's traditionally held the 1st Sunday in December.

Huge thanks given to Jill for organising another fantastic Christmas Fair, we'll miss her & Mazz & Emily next year and beyond.

We are now looking for an individual or even better a group of parents to volunteer to set up the Christmas Fair next year. Reps manage the class stalls, so it's more project management. Do contact Helen, Anna or Vikki if you're interested.

Christmas Fair £s

Splat the Rat.....	£91.05 (impressive at 10p/go!)
Jam Jar Tombola.....	£115.00
Café.....	£645.26 (cf. £455 in 2019)
Ride.....	-£126.45 (deficit as expected. 173.55 takings, but cost £300)
BBQ	£335.50 (£182.50 expenses as expected)
Mulled wine & waffles.....	£267.50 (higher than usual as leftovers/donations)
Grotto.....	£180.00 (cf. £150 in 2019)
Treasure Hunt.....	£30.71
SASA stall	£49.20
Tombola	£188.00
Raffle	£980 (£409.00 at Fair. £571.00 in advance. Similar to 2019.)
Door entry	£246.20 (cf. £435.90 in 2019)
Craft rooms	£155.00
Christmas trees donation still to come..	(cf. £100)
Craft stall holders	£75 (6 stalls, 5 paying £15 each)

Total **£3,331.97**

Upcoming Events:

Cases have risen in school, particularly among adults, and previous Covid protocols have been reinstated on a temporary basis (children separated into bubbles for eating & assemblies etc) and are likely to stand until after half term.

Positive news though that swimming lessons are back next week and Ufton Court currently looks possible for Year 4, as they're a contained group.

Quiz & Curry?

Jason suggested that the Curry & Quiz night could be a good first fundraiser/school community event of the year to provisionally plan as it's adults only, is held in the hall and could potentially be socially distant.

Liz & Vanessa have kindly volunteered to run this event and provisional proposed date is **25th March** (subject to Dept of Education permission)

World Book Day (3rd March) was also mentioned as a possible after school event (book swap?) and will be discussed.

Routes for Communication:

A discussion was had about routes of communication and all the different ways we communicate with parents and whether a "less-is-more" approach would be better. One of the key routes is the Class WhatsApp groups set up by parents. It was acknowledged that the WhatsApp groups are social groups formed by parents in each year group not official SASA groups and it should remain this way.

Jason reminded us that teachers do not have access to these groups. While these groups are very helpful for connecting as a class, if an issue impacts the school, or a child at the school, then please do talk to Mrs Bennett or Mr Clarke or Jane in the office.

Summer Term plans/further ahead

Everyone's keen to have a Summer Fete to end the school year and bring together the school community, like the Victorian Fair in 2019, but not so big! A great opportunity to see off Jude in style (and potentially introduce the new Head to the community). Some stalls (eg Splat the Rat) and refreshments. Jason to discuss with Jude.

Paul, Liz, Helen, Anna & Nic agreed to form a committee to help run the event if it can go ahead.

SASA Committee

Helen, Vikki and Anna appealed for more people to join the committee. It's currently just the 3 of them, all Year 3 parents, and it would be good to expand representation in the younger and older years, and to add more voices and ideas. We still have no Chair, but if we change the structure, we may not need one, and can instead have several co-chairs working together, and maybe all class reps joining the committee. SASA does great things to help foster the school community and raise money for the school, and we need more help so it's not the same half dozen people doing everything. Please do get in touch if you'd like to help run events and generally take part – we'd love to have you on board.

AOB

Jason made a request on behalf of the school for SASA funds to be released for the following:

- 1) Cameras for KS2 (KS1 already have some). He's been offered a discounted deal of £240 for 4 cameras.
- 2) A deep dive Arts Week planned for the end of the year – funds needed to help fund activities such as visiting artists. Likely to require £1500, although Jason will check with Jude for final figure.
- 3) Ufton Court – some additional funds and support are required to ensure that everyone can attend and that fun activities are able to take place. £200 requested.

SASA approved all requests with a request to receive final confirmation of Arts Week figure when known. Paul Tucker then kindly offered to pay the £200 for Ufton Court support from his company KidActive – with many thanks to Paul for the generous offer which we gratefully accept.

Dates for next meeting & social

Discussed that a drinks social may be arranged after half term too, separate from the SASA meeting.

Next SASA meeting date proposed to be: **3rd March 2022** (TBC whether in person or via Zoom).

ALL WELCOME!