SSA Meeting 9th Feb 2024

Minutes

Present:

Natalie H
Michelle W + Leo
Emma M
Gemma C
Mrs Vale
Laura G + Hattie
Natalie W
Anita B
Alison B

Apologies:

Maya P

Mandy, Emma J, Suraj, Chelsea, Rachel, Liz, Lizzie, Claire, Shabz, Andrew

- NH requested a copy of the constitution from the school
- It was agreed we need to raise more awareness of how SSA money is spent and how it benefits the Saxon children and their families. NH to forward breakdown to EM so that expenditure infographic can be updated
- It was agreed to spend £6.5k on hall lighting/sound which is needed imminently by the school to improve the quality of assemblies, productions and other activities requiring AV/lighting
- Other projects requiring funds are year 6 leaver hoodies (price TBC, was £300 but looking like £900) and year 6 production (around £600)
- The future of Fireworks Night was discussed the school feels it needs a revamp or replaced with an alternative event in 2025. Ideas include a professional circus but this is more of a summertime event
- An open air cinema is a potential event to be held after the sports day afternoon in June. VIP seating / packages was put forward as an idea to upsell tickets. Special screens for use in daylight would be required
- Moving forward, SSA meetings to be held every four weeks at various times to maximise attendance. Mums, dads, carers, grandparents, babies, toddlers and preschoolers welcome!

4th March: 2pm
 17th April: 9am
 10th May: 2pm

- Other events in the diary:
 - o 23rd Feb: Break the Rules Day (50p a rule) and Tuck Shop (after school)
 - o 8th March: World Book Day and "Wonkia Bars" (priced around £2.50)
 - o 15th March: KS2 Easter Disco
 - o 28th March: Mufti
 - o 8th June: Shepperton Village Fair. Saxon tombola theme TBC gifts, bottles etc. *Not chocolate or sweets!*
- QR code creation was discussed for use in newsletter/comms. This is simple and free, using a tool such as https://www.grcode-monkey.com/
- It was also suggested to introduce a donation function on Scopay so that families can
 donate to the SSA at any time, or for particular projects. This is executed at other
 schools such as Thamesmead. It might appeal to parents/carers who cannot attend
 meetings, events or volunteer, but wish to contribute financially. It may also open up
 opportunities /conversations for businesses looking to donate to a charity.