



Bishops Lydeard School Association Meeting

Minutes

28th February 2024 at the Lethbridge

Present		
Suzanne Hodge (SH)	Helen Druitt (HD)	Becky Courtney (BC)
Claire Carr (CC)	Sarah Dimond (SD)	
Apologies		
Emma Reeve (ER)	Becky Weatherley (BW)	

Plans for the rest of the school year

It is really great that we have lots of fundraising ideas, however we need to concentrate on building relationships with the school and community and getting equipment ready to support events. With the outcome being a big year next year to include a summer fete!

We will aim to do the following easy wins this school year:

- **Selling tea/coffee and cakes at the world book day café.** We will also see if parents can donate a mug for the BLSA to save us having to buy new mugs. We do not want to use foam cups anymore. Mrs Gigg is going to be baking us 3 cakes to sell.
- **BLSA logo competition** – it would be good to get fresh branding and no one is precious about the existing logo. Idea is to get children involved more with BLSA by choosing a good logo, this has gone home with children and the deadline date is 8th March. A winner will be chosen, and a prize given.
- **Raisin funds** – we will give each child a box of raisins and ask them to fill up the empty box with coins as a donation to the school
- **Welcome packs for new starters** – we will add in a leaflet on the BLSA and ask if new parents would like to join the BLSA Whatsapp group. In addition to this we will provide a gift for the new parents like a teabag and some nice affirmations that their child will be ok.
- **THE SHED** – we need to repair the shed to allow us to store equipment. Mr Dakin has asked the site manager to do this at the same time as the nursery shelter. We are allowed to use the school skip to get rid of anything in there that is not needed. Need to arrange a day for this to be done soon. Once shed is fixed we will purchase reusable items ie mugs, cups and then get a supply of teabags, coffee, sugar, squash etc.
- Mr Dakin suggested that we try to apply for **CIL funding** from parish council, there might be a 1st March closing date though. **Action for someone to check this out**
- **Summer raffle** – Becky has a list of all companies that have supported us in the past with donations etc, she has also produced a letter that we can send out to ask local businesses for prizes for our summer raffle.



- We will plan a meeting in June to go through all events for the following school year including the summer fete
- **Stickins** – these are name labels for clothes. Bottles etc, the BLSA can receive 30% of the profits and so we will advertise these in both new starter packs and across the school
- **Bags to school** – we can get paid for donating a certain amount of clothes, we can advertise this through the school
- **Donations of old/outgrown school uniform** – we will look to sell items of uniform but before doing this we will have a sort out of all old lost property and return items where we can and then use this as stock to sell. Most items are going to need to be washed, which we can share out.

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- BLSA newsletter for new parents about funds spent, events etc using the new logo that we choose that is designed by a pupil.
- Point of contact for requests for funds has to be from Mr Dakin to the BLSA email address.
- SD to give BC access to the gmail account for emails.

Next meeting

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