

ideas, knowledge and contacts from Summerseat Garden centre!

- **A Garden Design/Planning Meeting** was held earlier this month (7-10pm) with NL/MW/DV/KLF in attendance. Collating all the designs and ideas that were sent in (after the school request was put out for contributory ideas) and we prepared a workable plan which we fed to Mike Dowd the Landscape Architect in a meeting held at school with Mr Golding. This is a required stage as he will risk assess as appropriate and put his name to the safety of all agreed design work carried out by contractors he deploys.
- We are waiting feedback from this meeting with Mike (council landscape architect) to verify if costs are realistic, possible or prohibitive.
- Next steps –Perhaps consider **phased approach** to minimise costs and allow for “adding to” in future phases, as required and as funding allows. **PHASE 1** - *Would be the drainage, main soil shifting groundwork (slide mound) and the sensory pathways with Arch and doorway structures.* The Stage and planting/blackboards etc can follow on if cost is prohibitive.
- **ALL post contractor – “softer” work**, e.g planting and filling of gabion cages (using donated rocks from Marshalls etc) can be done by volunteers/parents on arranged “event days” in the future, with safety/disclaimers always to be considered.
- Mrs Knowles offered **TRACTOR WHEELS** which her husband can bring for filling and planting- as per the design.
- Adrian Jones – suggested **the “slide mound”** will need to be made with specific soil that “holds its shape” TECHTURF or similar.
- **STAGE-** being costed by Cocklestorm (NEXT TESCO application?) **NL to apply as soon as we have the quote**
- **FUNDING THE PROJECT**
- Louise Johnson expressed her concern about the wording in the previous newsletter that “all monies” are to be towards funding of the Sensory garden.
- Nicola Lever clarified that perhaps this was miscommunicated slightly- as intermittent requests from the Head for immediate resources (e.g Camera purchases and “specialist days-Illustrator Day etc” are usually discussed in the meetings and usually granted if funds allow) and she failed to mention the regular “annual outgoings” such as the Year 6 leavers shirts and Bowling trip, which the PTA have historically always

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| | <p>funded- which to us regular meeting goers are just a “given”. (N.B-Every year group eventually benefits from this gesture). For clarity especially for new parents, Mr G has agreed to keep all future Minutes under the PTA tab on the school website.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • It had been suggested that a newsletter advising what we were funding towards may encourage more transparency prior to events, acting as a spur to further fundraising. (Historically we raise the money and decide later what to spend it on.) • It was agreed that the bulk of the project will be paid for by the Funding opportunities found by Mr G & Nicola Lever. • PTA Monies raised by events (typically around £5-7K annually –generally run to funding 1 large –eg 8x IPAD order and a few comparatively smaller purchases per yr.) • To facilitate the stages of the SENSORY GARDEN plans, external funding streams would need to be applied for by Nicola Lever & Mr G (Lottery funding) 10K - the main one. <u>OTHER FUNDING STREAMS to be looked into are:-</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sarah Carroll investigating sources also plus Ramsbottom Community Hub, Bags of Help, Awards for All. • Corinne & Lynn to contact the Butterworths to try and find a way into the COOP website for their funding. • Penny & Colin Anderson also gave us a great BAM contact (a corporate responsibility funding stream) as another potential for funding. Being very stretched/short on volunteers we will need to pass over this lead for now (unless Penny/Colin can follow this up?) • <i>The PTA Raised funds would more than likely pay for what the external funding did not cover- such as the plants and the blackboards, more minor purchases etc, to be discussed within the meetings -step by step as required.</i> • <u>HOW ARE PARENTS ABLE TO HAVE A SAY IN WHAT THE SCHOOL SPENDS MONIES RAISED ON?</u> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. By attending PTA MEETINGS (NB-The PTA Constitution is set up to support the work of the school and be guided by the Headteachers needs and requests to help the school as needs arise, but ultimately this is debated within the meetings.) 2. By filling out the SCHOOL Surveys which regularly sent out to parents. 3. By discussing with the school directly. | | |
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| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NICOLA LEVER agreed to recommence with the termly PTA newsletters to give parents more information if they are unable to access the minutes on the website. NL • <u>*(A note from the secretary:-THANKYOU SO MUCH Nicola for ALL the hard work you are putting in for the school! The school has never had as much money since your running of the PTA events and all of the funding you are accessing for us!)</u> | | |
| 5. | <p><u>EASTER BINGO NIGHT- (FRIDAY 23rd March 6-8pm)</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tickets sold so far -49/100 • Mr Golding- send out text reminder to Boost Ticket sales. • ORDER FORM/FLYER Worked really well this time. Thanks to Paula, Hannah/Lynn for sorting tickets to be distributed to the children in class. • MAX number tickets sold to be 120 as per last event. • Stock required – soft drinks, <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 24 cans of pop required. Hannah to buy. • 6 x white wine, 6 red wine 1x crate of bud beer in stock. • 2 x more BUD cases • A few Guinness for us ladies! ☺, Nicola to buy • NO MORE sweets, crisps required this time. • WINE Glasses – (Half pint cups to be given out with wine –pre measure and make sure to only fill to required line on cup!!!) Michael Lynn and Susi • Number of helpers required – during the day, evening and clear up. • BAR- (In Hazles)- Set up in Hall until Hazles leave at 6pm and get straight in to set up ASAP!! MW/SN/LG/NL • SWEET STALL- Hazel/DV • Confirmed all raffle prizes Hampers are all made (thanks Lynn) and books of tickets to be given out - All made by Mr Hughes (Thanks Derek) • A thankyou GIFT FOR MR HUGHES (A Man City ticket) to be organised by Lynn/Philip Crompton. Lynn • Licence in place- Thanks Mr Golding. | <p>Mr G</p> <p>HA/PW/LG</p> <p>HA to buy</p> <p>NL</p> <p>NL</p> <p>MW/SN?/LG</p> <p>MW</p> <p>LG</p> | |
| 6. | <p><u>Easter Sponsored Event</u> Mr Golding said that PTA helpers were not needed on the day.</p> <p>Non uniform day to provide eggs as prizes for the children.</p> <p>Each class to be given their own gifts (30 x treats/eggs)</p> | | |

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| 7. | <p><u>AOB</u></p> <p><u>LAUGHING YOGA-</u> Thanks to Mrs Kinsella for finding out about the Laughing Yogi who will be visiting school to work with the children. £200 fee to be paid by the PTA- Sarah Carrol to arrange</p> <p><u>FASHION SHOW-TBC</u></p> <p><u>CAR BOOT- Discuss next mtg. NOT to be held on field</u></p> <p><u>RAFFLE PRIZE LETTERS- Thanks Lynn for handing out 53 letters!</u></p> <p><u>JOY PHOTOGRAPHY- Mrs Knowles is arranging a leaflet/voucher for the childrens bags, inviting people to buy a Child Photoshoot session.</u> For each purchase of a “sign up for a photo session” the photographer will give the £20 fee as a thankyou for advertising to the school</p> <p><u>BOUNCY CASTLE- Mr G to book for the Summer Fair</u> <u>FIRE ENGINE & POLICE CAR –DV to request/book</u></p> <p><u>TREASURE HUNT- NEW DATE Friday 15th June 2018.</u></p> <p><u>NEXT MEETING DATE –MONDAY 14th MAY 2018</u></p> | <p>SC</p> <p>Mrs K</p> <p>Mr G</p> <p>DV</p> | |
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