**MPSA Meeting Minutes – Friday 26 February 2021**

1. **Lockdown Activities Done**

* **Valentine’s Day Competition** – seemed successful – good number of lovely entries – lots of nice prizes for people – **thank you to Cathryn for organising, and to Cathryn and Bridget for judging – That was Brilliant, a great idea.**
* **Tea towels** – continued selling and delivering in person
  + Another push for sales in time for Mother’s Day on 14 March? – Maybe if someone could draw up a quick letter for this we could send it out on the 1st Monday back
  + **Cathryn has posted on FB to remind and Alix will amend the letter that went out previously. Assuming from 8th Tina would take monies for this and Alix will check this**

1. **Options for the Spring Term (primary discussion):**

* **Comic relief – 19 March 2021 *[Cathryn & Helena]***
  + Suggestion is a joke competition – would we charge to enter? If so, how much?
  + Winners could have the opportunity to throw wet sponges at/tip water on willing teachers (as done previously) – as children back in school from 8 March, could this be feasible? If you leave this with me I will see how we could work this.
  + All joke entries could be collated into a joke book (**Cathryn**) or could be collated into a Facebook video – would we sell the book to parents? If so, how much per copy? How would it be sold? I wonder if there would be appetite to buy the book when considering the effort/time to create?
  + **Cathryn has set up a Just Giving Joke Comp page as an idea for fundraising for Comic Relief. Rachel suggested putting together a short video of ch telling jokes to advertise. Committee will send Cathryn a video of our family ‘volunteers’… All landscape! PDF of jokes could be emailed out to participants. Letter, including link to the JG page and screenshot instructions, to go out wk beg 8th March and winners to be decided Thurs 18th in readiness for CR day ‘soakings’? Cathryn to go back to Simon with this.**
* **Easter events** 
  + We talked about ‘guess the number of easter eggs in a jar’ or ‘bunny trail’ We could go from class to class with this and ‘drum up’ support from the children. Letters would need to go out to parents etc but a good idea and should be achievable.
  + **Eggs in the jar to go ahead. Rachel to put together and possibly revealed to children as a video of the jar rotating. 50p? Letter to go out by 22nd March**
  + **Bunny Trail…to be completed over Easter. Helena, Cathryn, Nicole, Alix, School and Scout Hut to put bunny pictures outside. Friends also to be asked by Fri 5th. Google map? Bridget to find pictures. Ask Simon Eskinazi to put together map sheet. 50p per entry, all entrants get a bunny lolly and easter eggs for 1st, 2nd and 3rd.**
  + Could school do the Easter egg hunt and us supply the eggs/sweets? This will be a capacity thing. Until we open fully on the 8th it is difficult to know exactly what capacity we will have for something like this. ON the surface it would appear to be quite simple but to do it for 200+ children in bubbles etc and make sure it was ‘COVID’ safe is quite a logistical effort. (and take away from other areas that might need the capacity.
* **Quiz for parents/grandparents/carers via Zoom *[Alix, Kelly & Nicole]***
  + How are plans progressing? ? **Late April? 30th Mayday weekend as households can meet in gardens…will be via Zoom.**
  + How much for entry? **TBC**
* **Virtual balloon race *[Bridget & Rachel]***
  + How are plans progressing? **There are providers of online balloon races. Approx £36 to sign up. £3 per balloon. Race could begin from school. Could invite friends and relatives to take part. Slide pack could be put together to promote in school and on FB. Could have a countdown on FB. Talk to local businesses on soc. media. How much is profit? How do we identify winners? Race for a week. ? in May? Rachel to do further research but sounds very promising.**
* **Individual class events** – to discuss post lockdown

1. **Year Books (no progress – no need to discuss):**

* We have previously agreed that the Year Books were successful and that we would want to do them again. I thought this was wonderful last year and something similar is a good idea. I wonder if there is a way to reduce the cost of the books. My initial thought would be to reduce the number of pages somehow, maybe two children on a page? I think the MPSA committed £1000 ish to this and I wonder if we need to look at the MPSA contribution being reduced to more like £300 with some of the ideas below being considered.
* **Helena** to liaise with Martyn and Krystina this term to decide on timeline, template and process – **still to be done**.
* Once template and process agreed we could feasibly cost them out with the following options for funding:
  + MPSA contribution – I think this needs to be discussed against other areas where the MPSA are supporting the school and the impact on the children.
  + Parental contribution (maybe half) I think this would be fair
  + Class contribution (similar to enterprise project) I think this is important

1. **Website Content (no progress – no need to discuss):**

* Text for the main page – **Helena** to draft something for everyone to review
* **Cathryn** to provide additional items to be included (eg, flyer and fundraising totals from FB)
* **Helena** to forward meeting minutes from AGM and MPSA meetings

1. **Admin Activities (no progress – no need to discuss):**

* **Easyfunding** – **Helena** to action
* **Distribution list update** – **Helena** to action
  + **Helena** to e-mail the current list and saying if we haven’t had a reply by a certain date, we will remove from list – we can include in that e-mail that, if they want to be included in the WhatsApp group, they should provide their mobile number?
  + **Helena** to draft an e-mail/letter that can be sent out to/home to all parents.
  + **Helena** to put a post on Facebook asking parents to e-mail the MPSA if they want to be added
* **Email ‘training’ session**
  + **Helena** to go through the MPSA e-mail account with **Bridget, Kelly and Rachel**

1. **Any other business:** Do we want the next meeting same day/time next half term (eg, 8 pm on Friday 23rd April)? I would like to thank you and all of the parents/grandparents/carers who have helped the MPSA in some very challenging times. Everything seems more difficult at the moment with the restrictions that are in place so thank you from the staff and the children. I am sorry that I cannot attend you meetings at the moment but am in touch with Helena and Cathryn via email and am on the playground most mornings if you need/want to speak to me. Thank you , Simon.
2. **AOB:**

**What is the prize for 5H from the raffle sales going to be? Email school in 2 weeks or so? A classroom film night? Disco? Virtual escape room.**

**School Ball: Toft Cricket Club still keen to get something happening in June or July. Ball committee not keen. 1st Oct is also suggested by Toft. This will be discussed by ball committee in March. May- businesses approached, June-selling tickets???**

**8pm Friday 23rd April for next meeting**