**LAUGHTON SCHOOL ASSOCIATION (LSA) NEWSLETTER**

**January 2014**

**Dear Everyone,**

**Happy new year to you all, here is our next installment of the LSA news.**

**The LSA would like to share the successes from the events we have organised and thank everyone for their contribution. This is what we’ve been up to since the beginning of September.**

ARTWAVE - £230

This is an annual event held at the end of the summer holidays, at Corina & Dominic Buckwell’s house. The LSA serve tea & cake on one of their open studio days. This year the wasps stayed away, and the weather was fine, making for a fun day’s work.

COPPERS WEEK - £178

This annual collection was our most successful year. We also extended the collection to include foreign coins. Congratulations to Jungle Class who won the class prize.

BAGS2SCHOOL - £45 + the latest collection to be added to the total

Thank you for your contributions, please continue to keep anything suitable, we will arrange a further collection later on in the year.

HALLOWEEN DISCO - £548

This was a monster success, from both the children’s perspective and financially. A huge thank you again to Kevin for the music and entertainment and Nicky and her team for the food and Michelle for the crafts. The children had a fantastic time, throwing some shapes on the dance floor and we discovered Mrs West’s talent for face painting.

CHRISTMAS SHOP - £318

Thank you to everyone who provided gifts for the shop and a huge thank you to Lynne & David for running this annual event. This gave the children the opportunity to buy gifts for their family and in some instances themselves! We hope you enjoyed your presents.

CHRISTMAS COMMUNITY CONCERT AND FAIR - £507

(GROTTO £46, RAFFLE £273 REFRESHMENTS £117 TEDDY TOMBOLA £71)

This is one of the highlights of the LSA year, thank you to all of you that contributed hamper items, teddies and time to make this possible.

Rachel said, “there was fantastic support from families, community and school, and in my experience the Parent Choir – with past and present parents involved –

is a pretty unique group”

FILM NIGHT - £222

Thank you to Allistair and Nicky for arranging this fun night, the children were well behaved for which we are thankful. Everyone had fun, once again, thank you for supporting this event.

EASYFUNDRAISING - £460

We would really encourage you to sign up to this easy fundraising activity. When registered you earn money for the school when you shop online and as you can see it can be very lucrative. IT IS FREE and straightforward to use. More details can be found at easyfundraising.org.uk, our page is Laughton School or speak to Michelle Aloof (Ebony’s mum)

**Which makes a grand total of £2,508 thank you!**

**What the money is being spent on**

At every LSA meeting, Mrs West comes with a list of requests where she would like funds spent in school. These items are all things that the school is not able to afford out of its own budget, some big, some small. We hope you agree this is money well spent.

* Pupil point badges £100
* Uniform prizes £60
* Golden Time Activities £200
* School Christmas Panto £200
* First News ipad subscription £145
* Class Christmas presents £200
* Playground equipment £300

**Total Spent £1,205**

We are currently also fundraising for a multi media system for the school hall, which will enable users better sound, light, music and vision for both the children and also lettings.

**The LSA Events coming up this term**

**Pancake Breakfast – Monday 9th February 8am**

The LSA are running a pancake breakfast for children and their families. The cost is £1.50 for two pancakes and a drink. Each additional pancake/drink will cost £1. Set your alarms early!

**Mothers Day shop – Wednesday 11th & Thursday 12th March**

This annual shop, follows the same format as the Christmas shop. Children have the opportunity to purchase gifts for family members for £1.50 per gift.

If you would like to contribute gifts please find 10 items for approximately £1 and leave them in the box by reception. The LSA will refund your purchase if you keep your receipt.

**Easter Events – Friday 27th March 3pm**

Please put the date in your diary, details of this eggstravagant event will follow, but will include the ever popular Easter Egg raffle and bonkers egg & spoon race.

**Laughton’s Got Talent – forthcoming event next term**

We are arranging a large sociable event for the whole family and friends for the Summer term. Activities on the cards will include a talent show for the children along with food and a bar. More details will be provided nearer the time.

**The next LSA Meeting is on Tuesday 24 Feb 7.30pm at Laughton Lodge**

Look out for posters for each of these events that will be displayed in the LSA notice board together with new photos of the current LSA team and class reps.

Thanks for all your help and support,

**Kirsty Gillman (Chair) and all the LSA Members**