**LAUGHTON SCHOOL ASSOCIATION (LSA) NEWSLETTER**

**February 2016**

**Dear Everyone,**

**This is the first LSA news from your new Chair – Allistair, hi!**

**First of all I would like to thank Kirsty for her sterling work over the last 2 years and thank you to everyone else who has been involved. It’s easy being Chair when you have such a great team. 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 - £240

This is an annual event held at the end of the summer holidays, at Corina & Dominic Buckwell’s house – Upper Lodge. The LSA serve tea & cake on one of their open studio days. This year the wasps were kept under control by our electronic racquet – you may be interested to know they went on to win ‘The Best Rural Venue’ award. So don’t miss it this year.

COPPERS WEEK - £183.49

Thank you for clearing out your pockets of all your coppers and foreign coins. Year 5 and 6 were very helpful counting out the monies with Megan’s counting machine with the help of Leanne which was also great fun – thank you.

HALLOWEEN DISCO - £286.23

We love this event as much as the children do. Fantastic craft tables, face painting, pumpkin carving, delicious grub and brilliant dancing led by Kevin’s tunes….and a memorable conga led by Ms Blood! Once again, a successful event and thank you for all your support.

BAG2SCHOOL - £116

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

CHRISTMAS SHOP - £400.20

A record breaking Christmas Shop – thank you to Lynne and David for leading this event and all our wrappers, helpers and those that contributed the gifts. The children love this event and we hope you and your pets enjoyed your gifts!!

FILM NIGHT - £254

‘Inside Out’ and the ‘Minions’ drew in the crowds - a fun night for everyone with foodie feasts from Nicky and her team – thank you. We hope to run this event later in the year too.

CHRISTMAS COMMUNITY CONCERT AND FAIR - £593

(GROTTO £156, RAFFLE £299, REFRESHMENTS £138)

You probably know this is one of our key calendar events and was very successful with fantastic singing and entertainment. We love the way this event also draws in the community and is a great way to celebrate the end of term. A special thank you to Ellen Thomas and the grotto team who doubled profits and put a smile on everyone’s faces.

**Which makes a grand total of £2,072.92**

**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.

Last year we hit our target and were able to contribute a massive £3000 towards the new multimedia system for the school hall. I am sure you have all noticed the increased volume in the nativity plays and concerts – we are really proud of this.

* Multimedia System £3,000
* School Christmas Panto £430
* Uniform prizes £60
* Golden Time Activities £200
* Class Christmas presents £200
* Coach for Big Sing £145

**Total Spent £4,035**

**The LSA Events coming up this term**

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

Don’t miss your early start …when the LSA are running a pancake breakfast for children and their families. The cost is £2.00 for two pancakes and a drink. Each additional pancake/drink will cost £1.

**Quiz Night – Friday 26th February 7.30pm**

Come to our marvellous new event – tickets going on sale shortly. Get a team together (max 6) and put the date in your diary. A fun social night in the school hall with a Mexican theme - bar, food, hamper raffle and get your thinking caps on! Tickets £5

**Mothers Day Shop – Wednesday 2nd & Friday 4th March**

I am sure you all know the format now…. We will be collecting gifts in the school reception so keep your eyes out for something suitable around the £1 mark and receipts can be reimbursed. Send your buyers in with £1.50 per gift on these days.

**Easter Events – Thursday 24th March 3pm**

Please put the date in your diary; the usual mayhem to celebrate the Easter holidays. More details to follow but rest assured chocolate donations will be on the agenda. Have an eggtastic time.

**Laughton’s Got Talent – will be back!**

Date to be agreed but we are planning to run this very successful and fun event again in term 3.

**The next LSA Meeting is on Tuesday 11th Feb 7.30pm at Roebuck**

Thanks for all your help and support. Please wave a hand if you can help with

any events – you don’t need to come to the meetings but we’d love any help you

can offer. It is also fun.

**Allistair Parsons (Chair) and all the LSA Members**