



## Meeting of the Ashlyns School Association

26 January 2021 – 7.30pm

**Present** – Gary, Dhrooti, Alison, Suzanne, Helen, Liz, Andrea, David, Rob, Angela.

### **1. Welcome and apologies for absence**

Apologies from Clare W and Mark B.

### **2. Finance update**

The ASA has £14.5k available to allocate, after the 3k buffer and deferred income from the 2020 craft fair. A further £2.4k had been allocated. Some invoices have been received and will be settled. Specific film equipment requested by film studies/IT was no longer available, so those departments will have to find another source.

No new requests had been received. ASA preference was for more sustainable equipment that could be used for a long time, not just during lockdown. The school was looking at a one-year google classroom upgrade for online small groups (breakout sessions) so students could work collaboratively. The school had negotiated a reduction in cost to £8,000 and could fund half. It would take two weeks to upload. The ASA agreed to fund the remainder.

**A payment of £4,000 was approved for the Google classroom upgrade.**

Online banking was imminent – subject to one further signature. **Suzanne will arrange.**

Izettel – Two trustees (school based) need to submit ID. **Andrea will follow up.**

### **3. Current events**

#### a. Wine tasting

No response has been received from Tring winery, but the plan is to advertise the event in Friday's T-bulletin. Wine is sent out through the post and the tasting is conducted online with a wine expert. Non-alcoholic drinks are also available.

#### b. Bags 2 school

Around 40 bags had been dropped off so far. The pick up date was 26 February.

#### c. Santa Sleigh

No monies have yet been received. The ASA will be included in the distribution of funds, even though the specific date allocated did not go ahead.

d. Mis-tint paint

Only one tin has been sold so far.

e. Mothers' day and Easter

Dhrooti has been in discussion with the florist who led the wreath making to see if something could be offered.

#### **4. Future events**

a. Festival 2021

It was agreed this cannot go ahead. If circumstances allow, a comedy night or drive-in film night can be possible to put on at reasonably short notice in the summer term.

b. GAN uniform

We will need to plan this at Easter time and link in with the school in particular regarding year 6 to 7 transition plans.

#### **5. AoB**

Berkhamsted Raiders are doing a treasure hunt which can be done at any time. It involves a 5k walk with clues to find along the way. There is a window of one week to complete the walk. It was agreed this could be a good idea for the summer term.

Around 40 children were currently in school. No sporting activity was taking place at all. Feedback on remote teaching has been excellent. The school has ensured that all children at home have access to suitable IT for home learning. Gary will go back to his contact at Asda to see if they can provide any stationery. Andrea will find out if there are any children who need winter coats, as there are 14 of good quality in the ASA cupboard.

Helen will be stepping down from Committee work – the committee thanked her for all her work.