

SPSA Meeting
Tuesday 2nd February 2010

Apologies – Paula Driver, Pam Lawrence

Present – Mrs Stirrat, Mr Beales, Vickie Wright, Jo Murray, Graham Hanson, Debbie Paton

Agenda – Mrs Stirrat suggested that the agenda for each meeting be included in the school newsletter so that parents could see what was being discussed beforehand. This would give the opportunity for them to either attend a meeting or to add an agenda item if they wished.

Government Funding – Mrs Stirrat said that she had received some funding to use on extending what the children do outside of the school curriculum. She put forward the idea of taking all Year 5 children to the Frontier Camp in Irthlingborough for an overnight stay on 18/19th March. It was agreed that this was a great opportunity for the children, who may not have experienced staying away from home overnight.

School Sleepover – Mrs Stirrat suggested a school hall sleepover for years 3 and 4. This would be limited to 30 children on a first come, first served basis at a cost of ten pounds. The children would go home after school but return in time for supper and then have the chance to take part in various activities before bedtime. The next morning the children would have breakfast before going home. The dates for this activity were agreed to be 5/6th March. This activity would help to raise funds to enable the Year 5/6 children to possibly attend the Frontier Camp the following year. The children would need to provide their own sleeping bags and pillows as well as bringing PJ's, overnight wash kit and teddies!

A couple of members of staff have agreed to supervise the children overnight as this will require them to be CRB checked. Jo and Debbie both volunteered to help with the supper. If this event is a success it was thought that it could be repeated in the summer term.

Bird Tables – Mrs Goulborn has requested the possibility of a couple of bird tables to put the leftover crusts etc on after breakfast club. Mr Beales thought that there might be an issue with vermin. It was decided that this would be looked into as a Health and Safety issue before a decision was made.

Green House – David Brown is keen for the children to continue with the gardens in the spring and summer but he felt that sometimes the plants have not come on enough to bear fruits and flowers before the children break up for the summer holidays. He has suggested looking into buying a greenhouse or cloches to cover the tender plants. Everyone agreed that this was a good

idea and Debbie said that she would ask a friend that works at Focus if they have any discontinued lines with Perspex glass that they could sell at a reduced rate.

Circus – Mrs Stirrat had been sent some information about a travelling circus that could come to the school and spend the day teaching the children circus skills. In the evening a spectacular 1 ½ hour performance is put on by the company. The ticket price for this is £7.50. It was thought that this would be worth considering instead of holding a summer fayre. The SPSA could hold a raffle and also do a BBQ. The best time for this was thought to be in the last few weeks of term.

Easter – the children finish for Easter on Thursday 1st April – the whole school will be attending a church service on the last day of term. The idea of some Easter competitions and activities was raised. Children could be invited to make Easter Hats or complete an Easter Colouring Competition. The idea of children buying strips of paper to colour and bring back to school to make a paper chain was raised. The chain is then put together and someone is invited to cut the ring – the name on the chain that is cut wins a prize as do the winners for the hat and colouring competitions. Mrs Stirrat will ask the major of Raunds to come and present the prizes at the church service.

Disco – A disco will be held on Wednesday 31st March. This is the evening after the French Day at school so it was felt appropriate that the disco reflect this theme.

Finances – finances ok at the moment though it was felt that the Christmas shopping evening was a flop – despite the event being well publicised, there was only a handful of parents in attendance. The stallholders were disappointed and it was felt that a lot of work went into this evening for little gain. If another shopping event were to be organised, then it should maybe be held earlier in the run up to Christmas and be at a different time of the day.

Date of next meeting – Tuesday 23rd February 2010 6.30pm in the staff room.