

HHSA Meeting

Minutes

Date: 1st October 2019

Time: 11.30 -12.20

In Attendance

Rosie Thompson, Emma Chambers, Lorna Stevens, Olivia Kibuka and Amy Woodward

Overview of the points discussed within the meeting.

Halloween - Due to the ongoing building work it was shared it will not be possible for the school to hold a disco, it was further explained that potentially that a disco wouldn't be appropriate for all the children. It was shared by members of the HHSA that this was very disappointing. It was explained there needs to be a focus on activities being inclusive for all children and there has been a reduction in the physical space within the school hall, which also needs to be taken into consideration with future planning.

It was initially suggested that as an alternative to disco the HHSA members could get dressed up in fancy dress and go to the class rooms and give out the Halloween themed gifts to children. However on reflection it was agreed that this may not be appropriate for all the children within the school and as activities should be inclusive. Therefore it was suggested it may be beneficial for the class team to give out the gifts that have already purchased whilst children are completing activities which are Halloween based within the class room environment.

In addition to the class based activities it was suggested that the pupils could have a non-school uniform day , where the children could choose to wear their own clothes or fancy dress , with any proceeds going to HHSA.

It was additionally highlighted that although the majority of children celebrate Halloween it is not something that all families celebrate, and as it is not a religious festival there is a potential need to ensure that religious festivals from other cultures are equally celebrated.

Future activity planning

- The Christmas Fayre - it has been agree that the most appropriate date is 8th December 12-3pm. Within the next HHSA meeting on the 14th October 2019 further discussions will be held regarding the gathering of support from other parents including activities and stalls that are available.
- **It is planned from 2020 that the HHSA will aim to ensure that main religious festivals have a suitable celebratory activities including; Chinese New Year, Eid and Diwali.**
- **Explore the potential activities to celebrate Valentine's Day and Easter**

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It was discussed how the HHSA meetings could increase the attendance, to ensure that a variety of views are ascertained. It was agreed that a table on Parents Evening will be set up to which will have leaflets regarding the role of HHSA.