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ASBSA AGM

17<sup>th</sup> September 2019.

7.00pm School Staff Room

## **Report on the year 2018/19**

### **Committee News**

We started the year with Karen Buchanan as Chair, John Farrer as Vice Chair, Sophie Fewings as Treasurer and Michelle Rose as Vice Treasurer. Following a very successful Christmas fair Karen had to step down due to a change in her personal circumstances – Thank you Karen for your time and effort leading up to Christmas.

Post-Christmas, Sophie and John took over the role of Chair and Co-chaired for the rest of the school year. Gemma Berman kindly volunteered to join the team as Treasurer, with continued support by Michelle.

### **Communication**

We successfully introduced class or year group WhatsApp groups to improve communications. This seems to have been very successful and we have had a lot of positive feedback to say that communication from ASBSA has improved.

We also refreshed and revamped the termly newsletters and again have had lots of positive feedback on them.

However the number of helpers and volunteers has not increased that much and we are still relying on the same few people. Hopefully things will start to improve, please keep up the good work and spread the word.

### **Changes introduced last year**

We tested a new online booking system for the Spring Disco, this seemed to be a huge success and was rolled out to the Cinema/Film club events too. This has drastically reduced the cash counting and ticketing is all electronic. This will be the new model for as many events as possible.

We also introduced a cashless option for the Christmas and Spring Fair, this was reasonably successful but can and will be improved. We will continue with the cashless solution as it reduces the need for floats, counting and banking of coins.

We introduced a new event – Cinema/Film night. These have been a massive success and will be continued this year.

Alcohol licence at fairs- was not as popular as we had hoped but it's a new idea and we had poor weather for the spring fair. It's not that expensive so we will give it another go this year and review it again at the next AGM.

### **Event/activity feedback**

The Christmas fair was very successful and the school allowed us the use of more classrooms space inside. This helped make the fair feel less cramped and worked very well.

Due to school pressures (physical space, time and resources) we unfortunately had to drop the 'secrets room' from the Christmas fair. We are hoping that with some creative thinking, more support from parent helpers and the new room that has just completed we can reintroduce the

'secrets room' this Christmas – This will only be possible if we get enough ASBSA volunteers so please spread the word.

The Spring fair was a little disappointing due to the poor weather, however we all had a fun day and will go again this year.

We did not hold an Easter Egg hunt, but are looking at options this year.

The Disco was a huge success and raised a very healthy sum and the cinema/film nights were all very popular and raised a good amount of money.

### **Profits and money**

Covered in the treasurer report.

### **Charity**

We successfully raised in excess of £700 for our charity the St Helier Neonatal Unit and we will be visiting them later this month to present them with a cheque.

### **Other things to mention**