Dear parents and carers,

Thank you to the parents and staff that attended the HSA (Home School Association) meeting this week so that we could vote people into the key roles and discuss the exciting events that are planned for our families over the next few months. It was great to see some new faces too!

I am pleased to be able to introduce you to the parents who have taken up some of the roles in the HSA team:

Caretaker Chair- Mr Richard Allen-Zoarder (Children in Years 4 and 5)

Vice Chair- Mrs Rachel Handley (Children in Year 3 and Reception)

Secretary- Mrs Rebecca Murphy (Children in Year 1 and Year 5)

Treasurer- Mrs Katie Jones (Child in Year 5)

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the people who have worked tirelessly for the HSA over the last 12 to 18 months and who have been responsible for a disco every term, competitions and raffles, as well as our large-scale summer carnival and Bonfire events, especially Mrs Rachel Pearsall and Miss Kathryn Van Straaten. Thank you.

The main role of the named members now is to secure charity status for the HSA so that we can access funding streams that are not available to local maintained schools but with the HSA operating as a charity on the school's behalf there will be much more we can access, to ensure our children have the best!

As well as the named members, we are in desperate need of volunteers who can make up our 'Maidensbridge Army' so that we can continue to put on these special events for our families and raise money for the children to have the best of everything at school!

We would like to invite you and 'your army' to a coffee afternoon on Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> March at 2.30pm. Come and share a cake and a coffee and I can share all the volunteering opportunities that are available at Maidensbridge, either in school time or at our out of school events too.

Over the next 6 months we are determined to improve our toilet facilities for our children, and we will be including some of the children in making decisions about the redesign and renovation! Due to no available funding from elsewhere to do this, the majority of our fundraising through the HSA and other avenues will be committed to this goal and your help with this can make a real impact on your children's everyday school life.

We look forward to seeing you next week, if you can join us for coffee and cake.

If you can't join us, then please just drop us an email to <u>info@maidens.dudley.sch.uk</u> to express your interest in volunteering and we can send you the information.

Thank you for your continued support. There are so many aspects of school life that we would not be able to do without your help, especially in the current climate.

Mrs K Thomas

Headteacher

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