

Bromley Heath Junior School Association

PTA Meeting (at School at 6:00pm)

Minutes

- Attendees

- Jayne Tindall, Jill Evans, Jen Dalton, Sam Burch, Abigail Hodge, Anna Cornelius

- Apologies

- Kerry Blackwell, Louise Webb, Carol Cooper, Natalie Whittard

- Valentines disco (Wednesday 12th February):

- Discussed the lucky dip - agreed it was good to have alternative activities, but that the lucky dip is too messy. Discussed alternatives to using shredded paper, but couldn't think of a good enough alternative. Agreed to try a different game. Suggestions were:
 - Hoopla type game
 - A non alcoholic version of beer pong!
 - Bingo/pick a number type game
- **Committee** to research/discuss/agree alternative game.
- Miss Hodge asked us to put a bin near the game area for rubbish.
- **Jen** to draft poster and email around for agreement (to include "games" if the exact game still TBC).
- **Jen** to update PTA events with details of the event and set up volunteer tasks.

- Mother's Day afternoon tea (previously Saturday 28th March, revised to Saturday 21st March)

- Discussed whether to go ahead with the Mother's Day afternoon tea. Agreed we'd be unlikely to get many volunteers and/or it might be quite a lot of effort.
- Vicky Veasey had said she'd be prepared to run a floral arrangement making workshop (similar to wreath making).
 - Agreed it would be really good to tie this in to Mother's Day instead of the afternoon tea.

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- We'd need to cover poster, ticket sales and bar, which would be far less effort than the afternoon tea.
- Vicky to provide all materials/tools.
- Discussed dates and agreed that the only sensible date for this would be Saturday 21st March - if we can't agree this date with Vicky, we won't go ahead.
- **Sam** to contact Vicky to check whether she's available on 21st March
- For the bar, we'll offer:
 - Tea/coffee
 - Wine/Prosecco/Thatchers (because we have Thatchers in the garage)
- **Garage**
 - Agreed the purchase of storage boxes for the garage, since many existing boxes are damaged and stock is being damaged.
- **Easter Egg hunt (Friday 3rd April)**
 - Agreed to keep the event really simple, like last year - with just ice cream sales and the hunt.
- **Leavers hoodies**
 - Discussed whether to offer t shirts in addition to, or instead of, hoodies. Agreed to stick to just hoodies.
 - Miss Hodge agreed that they can be given out for the start of term 6.
 - They'll be given out on Thursday 21st May at 2:45pm. (Jayne/Jill to attend.)
 - **Jayne** to ask Ann to draft a letter to the parents.
- **Helper shortages/encouraging volunteers**
 - Discussed struggle to attract volunteers. (Christmas fayre, in particular, was a huge challenge and we had to rely on children to run stalls.)
 - Agreed that we'd cancel any future events where we don't get enough helpers, rather than struggling.
- **Newsletter for term 3/4**
 - To include details of money spent recently, as well as forthcoming agreed spending.

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- **Miss Hodge** to provide photos of explorer dome and quotes from children about the explorer dome.

- School website/PTA events

- **Jen** to review school website wording about PTA and email through revised wording. (To remove references to SignUpGenius now that we've moved over to PTA events.)

- AOB

- **Infant committee** - Jayne met one of the new chairs of the infant school PTA - Karen Thomas. She seems keen to run joint events, including the summer fayre/colour run.

- **Funding requests** - activities/items we've been asked to fund:

- Lifebus (approx £800) - previously agreed (via email)
- Author visit (approx £400) - previously agreed (via email)
- Miss Hodge raised the following items at the meeting for consideration:
 - New books (particularly dyslexia friendly texts) (approx £1,000)
 - Enjoyment of reading area enhancements - shelving and vinyl stickers (tree and balloon themed) (approx £500 to £1,000)
 - Carpet tiles to connect two carpeted corridors and reduce noise (and enhance look) (approx £750)
 - Drama productions for each year group to kick off projects (approx £300 per year group; £1,500 total)
- We discussed needing to maintain a reserve, as well as consider annual costs for things like the theatre trip, the explorer dome and life bus. Suggested we could consider re-jigging how things were funded (asking parents to cover the whole cost of the theatre trip, including the coaches, for example), but no decisions were reached.
- **Committee** to discuss at next informal meeting and feedback decisions to school.