



Informal Meeting Notes 12th November 2020

Attendees via Zoom – Amanda Charles, Sarah McAllister, Kelly Murphy, Steph Murphy, Charly Stelfox

Apologies – Hayley Bailey, Chris Batchelor, Sarah Newman

Halloween Balloon Race - Raised £148.76 and sold over 80 balloons. It was good to have a choice of plain, patterned or shaped balloon. Would like to plan another balloon race for Easter. Checked the balloon race website and the price is now £30 inc VAT, so £36.00 its still competitive. Have investigated the possibility of creating our own race. The algorithm is easy, its what you have to wrap around that (animation, leader board, payment, balloon design) that would be time consuming, and we would have to factor in that there might be hidden costs to cover.

Halloween Posters - a low uptake on posters. Will re-use the designs next year.

Halloween Costumes - no takers so storing.

Remembrance Poppies - a better uptake than Halloween posters.

Penny Wars - This is going very well. Mandy has emailed Mrs Foad to ask the teachers to take photos of the class jars so we can promote some healthy competition between classes, and she has agreed to send us photos.

Lockdown Family Quiz Night - 13 tickets have been bought. Prizes have been decided: 1st is prosecco and chocs, 2nd is chocs and last is the wooden sheep spoon.

Amazon Smile / Easy Fundraising - We have 71 Easyfundraising supporters and 25 AmazonSmilers.

High Vis Jackets - don't need as Mrs Foad says the sports bibs can be used on trips.

Secondhand Uniform - updating as stock comes in. Message for donations at half term and ends of term.

Xmas Jumpers - have about 30 available on PTA Events.

Clothing Bins - info given to CB to pass on to Mrs F at next week's meeting.

Worry Dolls - Feeling Good Week is 10th – 16th February, we talked about buying one pack to see what they are like. We will do this early in 2021.

Christmas Bingo - Kelly has created the bingo cards for all classes (KS1 words, KS2 Pictures). We need to decide on the prizes.

Christmas Craft - Decorations from Baker Ross have been agreed (Christmas tree, pudding and angel bauble kits and a snow globe kit). A proposal will be sent to Mrs Foad tomorrow.

Christmas Panto - Would the school have an online panto to watch as there isn't one at Watersmeet?

<https://pantoonline.co.uk/schools-groups> this year's panto is Jack and the Beanstalk. If you book as a school, you get this panto and a password protected link available from 7th to 18th December. It can be viewed multiple times enabling bubbles to watch safely. An interactive pre-filmed creative workshop, learning activities, A 'Blue Peter style make video'. Price £175 if booked before 4th December, £200 if booked after 4th December.

<https://www.evalongproductions.co.uk> are doing Cinderella. The show contains three performers and runs between forty-five minutes and one hour in length. This show is full of all the usual delights of pantomime with hilarious jokes, beautiful singing, and lots of interactive fun. For schools this is a very interactive show with references to the style being like that of the Horrible Histories series. It is fast paced and very interactive, bringing delight to the children. This will be available via a weblink from December 10th - December 30th and you will be able to view unlimited times during that period. To reserve call 07736 700849 or email to reserve. The cost is £90

www.funtimetheatre.co.uk are doing Aladdin. Available from 7th December. Lasts 45 minutes. which will be available on our website by signing in with a unique code from Monday 7th December. Unlimited streaming which is perfect to accommodate all year groups and classroom bubbles. £150 for unlimited access.

We also discussed whether the PTA would fund this for the school (Yes). We will also provide popcorn when the classes watch the panto. Will email this information to Mrs Foad tomorrow.

Communication This is a draft by Emma.

PTA Events Communications Plan

| Timeline | Activity | Communication Format |
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| 4 weeks prior to event | Draft posters and ParentMail and send to Committee to review | WhatsApp to Committee Group |
| 3 weeks prior to event | Send out ParentMail and poster and put posters up around school | ParentMail |
| 2 weeks prior to event | Send reminder about event and details of how to participate | ParentMail |
| 2 days prior to payment deadline | Send reminder about payment deadline and details of how to participate | ParentMail |
| 1 day prior to payment deadline | Send reminder about payment deadline with details of how to participate | WhatsApp to Class Groups |

Weekly PTA Update

Weekly update to include:

- Reminders for the week ahead
- Calendar of future events
- Brief update on ongoing activities

| Timeline | Activity | Communication Format |
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| Thursday | Draft Weekly PTA Update and send to Committee to review | WhatsApp |
| Monday | Send out Weekly PTA Update via ParentMail | ParentMail |

Facebook updates - Continue as is

Use of WhatsApp

- Use of WhatsApp should be limited to day before reminders only
- Any messages sent to the Class Contacts Group for forwarding to class groups should be approved by the Committee

PTA Events Calendar – once complete to be circulated via ParentMail and then added to the weekly update

Next Year

January Jog – Family Fitness Challenge. Renamed to Shape Up with Shepherds. Emma has created a couple of posters and drawn up a plan. We all thought it was a good plan though we think that it needs to be condensed and for the rest of the plan information to be given to anyone who participates.