



PTA Minutes Friday 20th November 2020

Attendees via Teams - Chris Batchelor, Amanda Charles, Mrs Foad, Sarah McAllister, Emma Sheppard

Apologies - Kelly Murphy, Stephanie Murphy, Padmini Naicker, Charly Stelfox

Update from Chair

Not many attendees at the meeting today. The PTA continues to try and engage with parents and Class Contacts and hopes to encourage a wider group to become more involved. It was good to have so much Christmas Craft feedback, but it's a shame that we don't get more feedback and engagement from parents unless we've asked for it. Hopefully with a reduced number of messages going out, the feedback will increase.

Thanks to Emma on the weekly PTA news message. It looks good, reads well and is eye catching, and it helps to get the message across. And that the posters are unique. The new style of PTA posters are fantastic and creating lots of interest. They really make a difference around the school and in the notice boards and are attracting lots of positive comments. Keep those positive messages going out. The Halloween balloon race was very well received and proved to be a success with over 80 balloons taking part and, after the organising fee and prizes were deducted, the event raised almost £150.

Thanks to everybody who joined in and sent us photos of their Pumpkin posters and Remembrance Day poppy posters which looked great on the PTA Facebook page.

Thanks to Meldjana Ricketts for providing the Lockdown quiz questions and for arranging matchfunding for this event.

Finance Update

There was no update as the treasurer had sent apologies but there is approximately £5748.22 in the PTA bank account. The Chair had requested that the signatory issues be resolved before our next formal meeting on 11th December.

Lockdown Family Quiz Night

Apart from a couple of internet issues, the quiz went well. The number of families who participated turned out to be a reasonable number to manage. We raised £130 in ticket sales, spent £20 on prizes, and made £110 profit which will double to £220 with matchfunding from HSBC. We will discuss later if we will hold this type of event again. The feedback was positive from the families that did take part.

Penny Wars

The jars have been emptied this week and money will be counted next week after quarantine. Years 2 and 6 appear to be the current leaders. This has turned into a nice whole school event, appreciated by Mrs Foad. Prizes for this event will be a selection box for the whole class who win and a net of chocolate coins for all the other classes as a thank you for taking part. Emma has found that Amazon have 240 nets of coins for £80. Mrs Foad will provide us a list of children who have food intolerances so we can provide alternative versions and we will send in a list of the prize's ingredients.

Christmas Bingo

Kelly has sent us the sheets for KS1 (pictures) and KS2 (words) and their calling sheet. The bingo cards must be printed for each class. Two copies of the calling sheet need to be printed so that one can be cut up and then folded and are picked at random from a container. Prizes are for completing a line and a full house. Prizes will be bought from Baker Ross and will be given to the class teachers in advance.

Christmas Craft

We did a quick survey yesterday and got 57 responses, with 50 being positive to this event. Sarah will be ordering 20 snow globes, 24 Christmas puddings, 18 angels and 18 Christmas trees. Snow globes will sell at £2.50 and the puddings,

angels and Christmas trees at £2.00 each, which would make £93.47. If we sell out, we will order more. We will make up the orders and school will quarantine and deliver to the classes.

Christmas Present for All Pupils

We will postpone for this year, but Mrs Foad liked the book idea so it was suggested that we tie in a book for each child to the spring term 10 in a Term and World Book Day events the school will have. Or we do a quiz where classes have to find characters in the murals outside the classroom done by Emmylou, and the book is the prize for taking part. So that we get it right across all the classes we will ask for feedback from years 4 to 6 on what books they like to read, as we did not get it right for these classes last year.

Shape Up at Shepherds

This will be a family challenge or an individual one. Set your goal for the challenge and ask friends and family to sponsor you. There will be prizes in different categories as recognition of the achievement and all participants will receive a certificate and a medal. A WhatsApp group will be set up for participants where hints, tips and progress can be shared among the Shape Up family.

Secondhand Uniform & Christmas Jumpers

We continue to receive donated uniform on a regular basis and have had very colourful Christmas jumpers donated for the sale.

Communication

Keep engaged with everyone and have feedback. Emma has created a comms plan for our events.

Headteacher/Teacher Segment

Create a Forest School area. All teachers have had Forest School training.

The Wish List is as follows:

Three outdoor clocks - These will not only be useful but will help the children be independently and practice telling the time. Total £165.00 https://www.tts-group.co.uk/outdoor-waterproof-stainless-steel-wall-clock/EE01236.html?gclid=EAlaIqObChMIhe3KrrSP7QIV1u7tCh0rcQY8EAQYAiABEgKPE_D_BwE# The PTA said YES

Log Seats – set of 30. Total £320.00 <https://muddyfaces.co.uk/product/large-log-seats-set-of-30-h-25-30cm-d-25-35cm/> The PTA said YES

Tarpaulin Cover – To use as a Forest school shelter. Total £140.00
<https://dasoutdoors.co.uk/collections/parachute-shelters/products/little-fortress-lightweight-forest-school-shelter?variant=14438396100663> The PTA said YES

Log Store – Total 212.00 https://www.lemonpavilion.co.uk/heavy-duty-logstore-4ft-high-x-6ft-wide.html?gclid=EAlaIqObChMIxpSI_cGP7QIVugYGAB0RsgF5EAQYAYABEG_LHFPD_BwE The PTA said YES

Outdoor Equipment Container – Total £343.00
https://www.gardenoasis.co.uk/garden-structures/sheds/large-outdoor-garden-store?gclid=EAlaIqObChMIxpSI_cGP7QIVugYGAB0RsgF5EAQYBCABEG_KIfvD_BwE The PTA said YES

Events for 2021

Half price January sale of all secondhand uniform to run for the whole month.

Shape Up at Shepherds (as mentioned above).

AOB

Amazonsmile and Easyfundraising Competition – parents are starting to sign up and we will be posting leaderboards for both on our weekly PTA message.

Our next meeting will be an informal one on Thursday 4th December at 8pm via Teams.