

St Joseph's Catholic Primary School

PTA meeting

Wednesday 11th December 2019 at 2pm - Nursery

In attendance: Denise Perone (school Office/Business Manager - DP), Anna Theodoulau (PTA Co-Chair), Enza Amoros (PTA Co-Chair), Melanie Denning (PTA secretary), Filomena Milazzo.

Welcome

Meeting called to order at 2.09pm.

Anna welcomed everyone to the St Joseph's PTA meeting.

Apologies

Mrs O'Connor, Adriano Drenzo (Treasurer) has been very unwell. The PTA wished him a speedy recovery.

Review of Events

Panto

- Parents have commented that children enjoyed the panto.
- PTA made up little gift bags for Nursery since they were not included in the panto given out on Christmas party day).

Christmas Fete

- The 35+ volunteers were thanked (this was also communicated via parent mail on 4th Dec 2019). Anna also mentioned the support received from outside the PTA - Denise Perone, Mr Hunter, Nathalia Drenzo, Jessica Ryan, Elena Grasso and Pat Denning.
- Event profit was confirmed as £2,213.51. The final figure with match funding to be confirmed in the new year.
- Positive feedback received from the Head Mrs O'Connor. Her thanks to the PTA was conveyed and that there was a sense of good community spirit at the event.
- Santa Grotto - suggestion from Filomena to perhaps add a Mrs Claus with crafts/cake decorating. To perhaps give a voucher to the children visiting the grotto, instead of a gift, which would then be spent elsewhere within the fete. Comment that moving to on-booking for Santa makes the process much easier. Possibly have the choice of photo taken with Santa and sold to parents. General feedback was parents generally take photos on their phone so uptake will likely be low.
- BBQ was suggested for future Christmas events, however it was pointed out that this would pull custom away from the kitchen.
- PTA commented that food choice for kitchen would be reviewed (chip cones worked well).

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- No negative feedback received, however PTA commented the print on the mugs was quite faint. PTA will look to use 'Rudolfs' (previously used by PTA) for next year, and also start the process earlier. Only £62 was made on this activity for the PTA, however it is done more for 'the community' rather than a profit maker.

- Two packs of cards were gifted to the School (Mrs O'Connor chose a design by a child at the school).

Class Christmas Crafts

- Feedback was some class items (year 3 was mentioned) were not great. It was suggested that the issue was perhaps more the kids did not have enough time in class to complete the activity, rather than inferior quality.

Class Christmas Parties

- Selection boxes gifted as usual to all classes and delivered by Santa (and alternative options provided for children with allergies). Juice and party snacks provided by the PTA to the school.

Future Planned Events

- PTA has a number of planned events for each month. This will be communicated to the parents via letter early January (specific dates will not be communicated at this point).
- Bags2School already organised. Letter sent via ParentMail on Monday 16th December 2019.
- PTA to start highlighting the EasyFundraising website in the new year (will be new to early year classes).

Date of Next meeting

- End of January. Date to be confirmed.

AOB

- None