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### **Beechwood School PTA AGM Minutes 21/09/2017**

**Attendees:-** Kelly Campbell, Kirsty Ap-Carreg, Karen McIntyre, Emma Illing, Miss Cliffe, Mrs Kidd, Mrs Jones, Mrs Woodcock, Molly Vickers, Sian Donnelly, Tammy Nairn, Alison Unsworth

#### **Financial Summary 2016/2017**

Kirsty Ap-Carreg updated the group on the current financial position.

Finances doing reasonably well, there was some profit made in 2016/2017, the biggest outlay being the continued music tuition costs. Additional fundraising events and matched funding is needed this school year if we want to sustain the existing music tuition costs and fund new resources for the school, ie new sports kits, hoodies and warm up pants to match existing coats, minimum 10 x Apple iPads (£4K).

The current sports kit is used for a variety of different sports events and is now some years old, new kit would enable the children to look smart, keep warm and properly represent the school at sports events (the netball kit is of the old pleated skirt type, most schools now have a more modern kit).

Apple iPads are approximately £300 - £400 each, Mrs Kidd suggested school would benefit from at least 10 if this was possible.

Sian Donnelly asked if the school had considered other cheaper tablets?

Mrs Kidd explained that Apple iPads are the chosen tablet due to the apps that are available for school needs and the compatibility with the existing school Apple Macs/ipads.

#### **PTA Committee Roles and Nominations**

We discussed nominations for the three main roles, Chair, Secretary and Treasurer. These roles were offered to all.



Chair

Michelle Edwards has offered to share the chairperson role alongside Kelly Campbell

Proposed by Emma Illing and seconded by Tammy Nairn with the support of all the attendees.

Secretary

Jointly shared role between Emma Illing and Karen McIntyre.

Proposed by Kirsty Ap-Carreg, seconded by Mrs Kidd with the support of all the attendees.

Treasurer

Kirsty Ap-Carreg to continue as Treasurer.

Proposed by Karen McIntyre, seconded by Kelly Campbell, with the support of all attendees.

Options were discussed for printing of PTA letters that require response slips. Mrs Kidd informed that any parent/carer not just committee members may come into school to print PTA materials where required. There was a suggestion of trying to encourage more use of email and for response slips to be managed via the PTA email account in an attempt to minimise printing and paper costs.

**Race Night Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> September - Doors open 7.30pm for 8.15pm start**

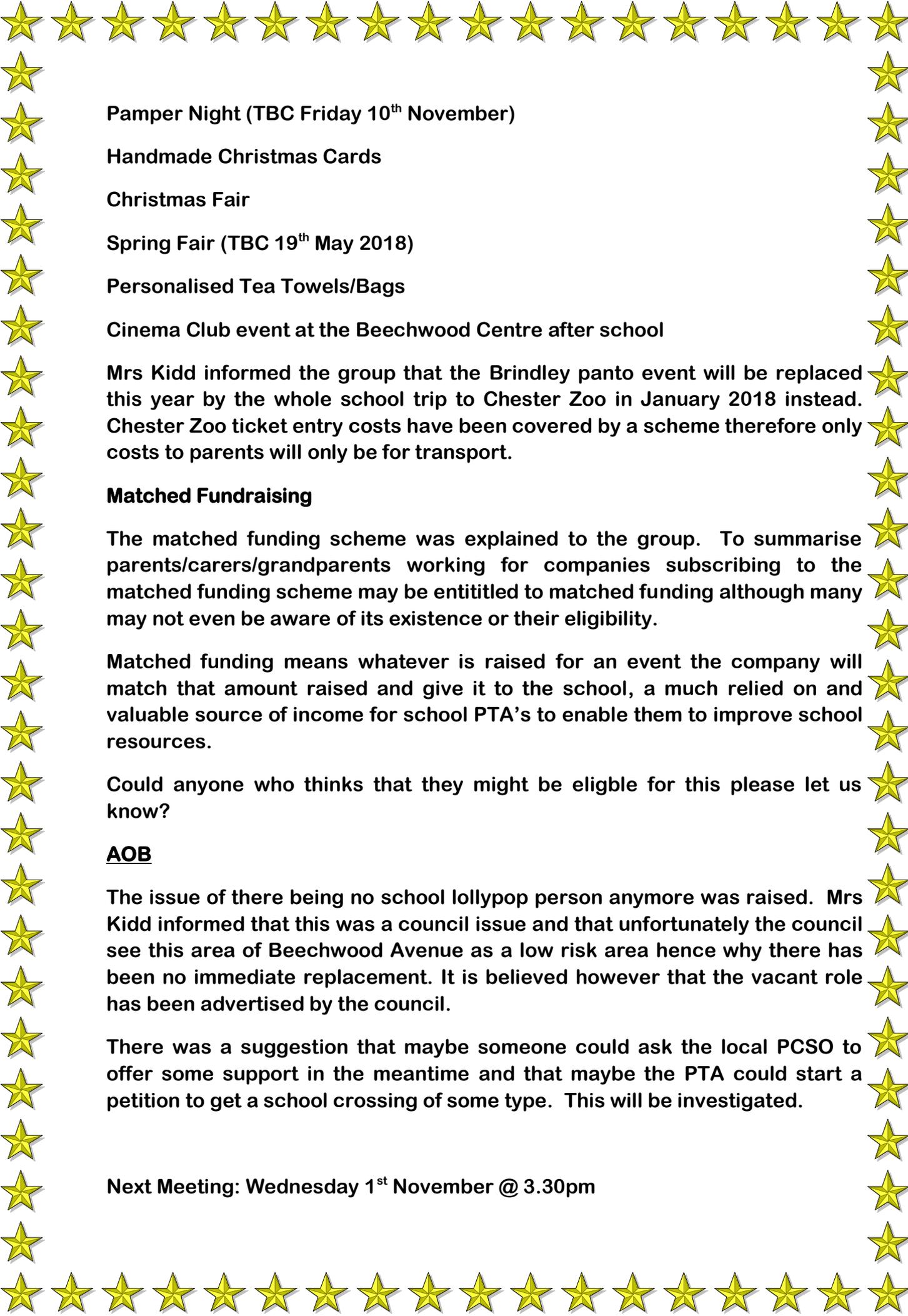
It is hoped ticket sales will continue to rise this week with the cut off date being extended. Race pack has been purchased and event advertised to school parents/carers and in the Beechwood Centre. Most of the races have now been sponsored by willing companies and some raffle prizes donated for the event.

More volunteers still needed for the tote stands to allow helpers to take part and enjoy the night too.

The event needs support from ticket sales to make this event a success, please share the event with family and friends and help support this.

**Regular Fixtures and New Ideas for 2017/2018**

Future fundraising ideas were discussed and it was agreed that in addition to the planned discos, bags2school, sleepover and non uniform days other ideas to be investigated include:



Pamper Night (TBC Friday 10<sup>th</sup> November)

Handmade Christmas Cards

Christmas Fair

Spring Fair (TBC 19<sup>th</sup> May 2018)

Personalised Tea Towels/Bags

Cinema Club event at the Beechwood Centre after school

Mrs Kidd informed the group that the Brindley panto event will be replaced this year by the whole school trip to Chester Zoo in January 2018 instead. Chester Zoo ticket entry costs have been covered by a scheme therefore only costs to parents will only be for transport.

### **Matched Fundraising**

The matched funding scheme was explained to the group. To summarise parents/carers/grandparents working for companies subscribing to the matched funding scheme may be entitled to matched funding although many may not even be aware of its existence or their eligibility.

Matched funding means whatever is raised for an event the company will match that amount raised and give it to the school, a much relied on and valuable source of income for school PTA's to enable them to improve school resources.

Could anyone who thinks that they might be eligible for this please let us know?

### **AOB**

The issue of there being no school lollypop person anymore was raised. Mrs Kidd informed that this was a council issue and that unfortunately the council see this area of Beechwood Avenue as a low risk area hence why there has been no immediate replacement. It is believed however that the vacant role has been advertised by the council.

There was a suggestion that maybe someone could ask the local PCSO to offer some support in the meantime and that maybe the PTA could start a petition to get a school crossing of some type. This will be investigated.

Next Meeting: Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> November @ 3.30pm