

Parent Teacher Association Meeting September 16th 2019

Attendees:

Donna-Marie Cunningham (Chair)
Karen Mowbray (Headteacher and School Representative)
Kate Goldthorpe (Secretary)
Anna Hardman (Treasurer)
Laura Booth

Opening Statements

Chair (Donna-Marie) welcomed everyone to the first meeting of the school year and passed on apologies from Liz Dodd and Louise Blinkhorn.

Treasurer (Anna) updated the group on the financial position. Following all income and expenditures from the 2018-19 financial/school year the PTA has just over £80 in the bank to start the 2019-20 financial/school year.

The AGM was briefly discussed and scheduled for the next meeting – on Monday October 14th from 6pm.

PTA Fundraising Goal for 2019-20

School Representative and Headteacher Karen Mowbray presented to the group the proposal that the PTA goal for the 2019-20 year be to part-fund the school's intended purchase of a minibus and booster seats for those smaller/younger children. The proposed benefits of the school minibus being support to the local community e.g. the church and other local schools, transport to year 3 swimming lessons and transport to competitions.

The ongoing costs of the minibus were discussed (maintenance, insurance etc.) and were agreed not to require an ongoing feed of funds from the PTA.

There was some discussion also that this was a larger goal than previously aimed for and as the final costs were as yet unknown it was not possible to put a figure on the PTA contribution at this time. A visual representation of this type of larger goal was also discussed (e.g. a thermometer or similar) to give parents a view of the progress toward the goal and maintain momentum through the year.

There is to be a bid for lottery funding toward the minibus (with the assistance of a bid-writer being paid for from school funds) which, if successful, would free up PTA funds to be diverted to other initiatives – may look into last year's parent suggestions of more music in school and a shelter for pick-up and drop-off times.

Courageous Advocacy

School Representative and Headteacher Karen Mowbray also raised the school's aim to provide Courageous Advocacy in the local community and the following upcoming charity events:

- Macmillan coffee morning – 25th September 2019
- St Rocco's Hospice Elf Run – 13th December 2019

Upcoming PTA Fundraising Events

The following events were briefly discussed and scheduled for the upcoming term. Further detail and arrangements will be the subject of future meetings.

Bonfire Bingo – Wednesday 6th November

- Food – hot dogs went down so well last year we ran out! Hot dogs and vegetarian hot dogs on the menu this year for simplicity.
- Tea and coffee and themed cakes/treats – e.g. treacle sponge?
- Need to confirm bingo equipment and caller for the night.
- Own clothes day 25th October for chocolate donations – remind parents no nuts

Christmas Fair – Friday 29th November

- Raffle prizes
- Stall holders
- Children's games
- Santa's grotto
- Own clothes day on 22nd November for bottle donations
 - Planning to begin in earnest at the October meeting

Christmas Disco – Tuesday 17th December

- Same day as the Christmas party day in school
- Disco to be held directly after school as this worked well for both school and parents last year.
- Prizes tbc
- Cordial, crisps and biscuits to be provided as mid-party snacks.

The Rotary Shoebox Appeal was briefly discussed. This initiative was supported in previous years but with very low participation. Due to other charity events this term and a busy PTA calendar it was determined that the shoebox appeal would not be included on the calendar of events this year.

Events in future terms were briefly discussed; including the potential to hold a colour run and/or bubble run to keep up the momentum with the Daily Mile initiative (St. Rocco's Elf Run this term).

The bulk of PTA events are held in the autumn and spring terms leading to some loss of momentum in the summer term. This will be revisited in future meetings to determine whether additional events should be initiated to meet fundraising goals or even to fund a fun event for the children if there is a surplus.

Key Dates:

Next PTA Meeting and AGM – Monday October 14th from 6pm

Macmillan coffee morning – Wednesday 25th September 2019

Own clothes day for chocolate donations to Bonfire Bingo – Friday 25th October

Bonfire Bingo – Wednesday 6th November

Own clothes day for bottle donations to Christmas Fair – Friday 22nd November

Christmas Fair - Friday 29th November

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