

## **Minutes: PTA and friends**

### **Monday 11th September 2023**

**Present:** Gemma Woods, Jessica Forrest, Neil Charlton, Helen Lewis, Nicola Oliver, Jacqui Abercrombie, Clare Frater, Katherine Gray, Di Faulkner

**Apologies:** Toni Marsden (delivering childcare for PTA meeting), Belinda Athey, Jo Johnson

#### **Minutes from last meeting**

No outstanding

#### **Treasurers report**

Money in - £3874.72

Money out - £1380 (not including £1000 from Chromebooks to be deducted)

Total in bank A/C - £2699.24 of which a further £1200 has been requested to go towards EY outdoor area development will be required after half term when the start date has been confirmed.

Air Ambulance for last two trips hasn't been banked - GW to check payment.

#### **Election of Roles**

Chair - Gemma Woods

Vice Chair - Jessica Forrest

Treasurer - Katherine Gray

Secretary - Jacqui Abercrombie

#### **Fundraising**

##### **Film Night 6th Oct - 3.15-5.15**

Proposed charges to stay the same on this occasion but may rise in the future - £3 per child to bring their own drink and snacks and change of clothes required. BA to do poster. Money to come into school in a labelled envelope with cash inside. BA to remind families to make clear pick up arrangements if they differ from usual so that children can be dismissed safely and promptly.

##### **Proposed Disco 20th Oct**

BA to book Hall and DJ 4.30-7.30

EY and KS1 5-6.30 (parent / carers to stay with EY children)

KS2 5-7

Proposed charges to stay the same on this occasion but may rise in the future - £3 entry per child with additional hot dogs and juice at £1 per item, all other items 50p each.

GW to check what glow sticks, tattoos, snap bands etc we have in stock then order where needed.

**Update –**

**We are currently waiting to see if our usual DJ who gives us a massively discounted rate is able to attend this date. An information poster will come out as soon as this is confirmed.**

**As it is parents evening this week and staff will be late in school for 2 nights already BA and NC to lead with as many parent helpers as possible**

### **Air Ambulance 10th Nov**

Bags to be given out to children before the half term break

GW to distribute to Whittingham and KG to Glanton.

GW and AW to collect on 10th Nov. Jo Oates to be asked by KG if she will collect Titlington Mount.

### **Christmas Fayre**

Not to go ahead with stall holders etc as this year as we will do a Summer Fayre but there will be a **Christmas Coffee Morning on Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> December**. This will be very similar to last year where there were teas, coffees, mince pies, cake stall, raffle, tombola etc and children from each class will make Christmas crafts to sell (following feedback from last year can be pre-ordered so families can buy their own children's work). Donations of raffle and tombola prizes as well as cakes and traybakes very welcome. Details of times to follow.

### **Christmas Shop**

In the past the PTA ran a Christmas Shop where the children could buy new or nearly new donated gifts for their family for a small charge per present.

This is a really lovely 'feel good' event but does take a lot of organising and help on the day so please help.

In addition to requests of donations we will hold a non-uniform day and ask each child brings in a new or nearly new gift for this, instead of payment.

Further details and dates to be confirmed.

Donations of help on the day wrapping paper, nearly new gifts, Sellotape and labels welcome.

### **Christmas Crafts and Coffee**

Decided to do personalised Christmas cards. BA to ask company that did tea towels in 2022 and get info.

**Update –**

**This makes very little money for school but what has worked in other schools in the past is for children to do Christmas card designs at home and send orders into school. Point to note that these things have a long lead in time and a decision would need to be made and designs completed before half term.**

### **Wreath Making**

DF awaiting response from one person re prices.

AW to ask Rachel Blakey costs.

If it will be viable to make money it will go ahead.

Confirmation then dates to be publicised

### **Santa Run Sun 3rd Dec**

Alnwick Rugby Club is holding the Santa Run and you can get a sponsorship form if attending. GW to look into details as to whether if children/parents are attending we can do sponsorship for PTA. Details to follow from GW. **Early Years have already organised a sponsored walk to raise further funds for their outdoor area improvements so if this goes ahead perhaps only KS1 and 2 to take part?**

**Other Business**

Snow White is at Alnwick Playhouse in December. JF to ask BA if it would suit all ages to think about a whole school trip as PTA pai for treat.

Further Update - This has already been booked as an EY and Class 1 trip. In the past the PTA fundraised for a pantomime/ theatre trip every other year and a small individual treat (a selection box has been given in the past) or class resource. To discuss what 'smaller' treat could be at next meeting.

Thanks again to past and present members of the PTA committee and to parents and carers who are unable to attend meetings but provide invaluable help at events.

**Date of next meeting**

9th October 2023 at 3.30pm