

## PTA Committee Meeting

Monday 6th November 7.30pm - 10pm

# MINUTES

**Attendees:** Ceri Shaw, Chris Shaw, Jo Taylor, George Tomlinson, Louise Rudall, Fliss Childs, Sara Buchanan, Katherine Hurst.

**Apologies:** Vicky Moffat (Peck), Clive Seager, Caroline Villiers, Amanda Barrington, Lucy Dunbar, Harriet Pilkington.

In light of her application to the board of governors Vicky Peck has stood down from the PTA committee. Sara Buchanan is happy to stay on and be the communication btw governors & PTA committee. Both applications are pending. Harriet, who is applying for associate governor, will also stay on the committee.

### **Chairs update:**

- A massive well done to Jo Taylor on another successful Fireworks evening with £2,167.33 raised for the school. Jo feels that the key to this is the £1,100 worth of sponsorship by local business and whoever takes this on next year will need to start work on this in the summer term.
- Christmas cards are on the go: Helen & George have organised and Fliss to communicate to parents that xmas cards will be available.
- Fliss and George have updated the website and will be making every effort to use this as the one tool everyone can refer back to. Fliss to try and streamline all our communication which will, in time, direct people back to the website. We need more photos that we can use. Need to check with Pippa/Helen on whether we can use photos of the children. Fliss has set up Google drive: can people drop in photos.
- Google drive: There is now a google drive that holds all documents.
- Give as you live: We are up to 71 supporters... although only half of people have actually shopped through GAYL. One parent has raised £300 through this method over the last 12 months. Big Give as you live Push coming soon.
- Helen asked us to help fund some tea towels & tote bags. The outlay for this was too big for the PTA at this time.

### **Bank Account:**

The bank account is in the process of being changed to CO-op bank which allows online banking and makes managing it a bit easier.

### **Hardship fund:**

We need a written statement on the website as to what the PTA is able to pay for and that it will be reviewed annually. George to action

### **School wishlist:**

1/ Shakespeare project was £800 last time it was run. We could look at getting Direct sponsorship for this. Looking into sponsorship from professional actors/ theatre companies/Mr B's etc.

2/ History Week: Contributions towards field trip. Performers to bring it to life. Iron Age/Romans Saxons/Vikings.

3/The school would also like 30 copies of 9 books: Could be a FLiSCA ask. Feb/ March is the time for the application.

4/ Some things for the playground: tarps, ropes and poles... things to make dens out of.

5/ Spring flowers/bulbs.

The committee would like Caroline (treasurer) to manage the BT My Donate account to ensure that any anonymous donations are as anonymous as possible.

### **Events update:**

Sponsored walk: SUNDAY 13th MAY.... details to follow.

Chris & Katherine to get heads together to get a burns night/valentines night sorted. Possible dinner and traditional Burns night ceremonies.

Fliss/Ben: Possible Community Camp out in the summer.

Identify those who work for companies that offer it and see if they are willing to do a sponsored event. ALL.

Xmas Fair: Trying to get some Carol singing from the children, no charge on the door but a bucket for contributions.

Will need to rethink christmas fair next year... needs to be a much bigger event and not after school on a Friday. Some concern about how we are going to raise as much money as last year as the children wont be doing any art projects in school in order to sell at the Christmas fair. This was a huge part of the funds raised in 2016. We need to have a PTA stand on the Christmas market: Give as you live. Also to involve the class reps in discussion for fund raising ideas at this event.

### **AOB:**

Reading in schools: there seems to be a reduced no of parents reading to children at school.

**Next committee meeting  
Thurs 11th January 7.15 for 7.30 prompt start  
Freshford Inn!**