

General PTA Catch Up Meeting – Thursday 26th January 2023

held at remotely at 8pm

In attendance

Louise Stemp (LS) – Chair
Rachael Dalton (RD) – Secretary
Sarah Bancroft (SB) – Parent Representative
Jack Puller (JP) – Parent Representative

Apologies

Kate Doyle – Secretary
Claire Leatherbarrow (CL) – Treasurer

Items for Discussion

FUNDRAISING

Valentine's Cake Sale

Cake sale proposed for last day of this half term. Suggested class being Year 2 as we don't think they've done it previously. Notice would need to go out in next Friday's newsletter (3rd Feb) for cakes to be brought in by children on 17th February.

Book Day Book Swap

World Book Day is 2nd March. LS to confirm with school they're happy for us to do the book swap again and confirm date. Kids to be asked to bring in a £1 and all kids will be able to select a book. Requests for donations to begin 2 weeks before the swap date (circa 16th Feb). LS to do a poster/Dojo posts.

Easter

Plan is to do the annual Easter Bonnet Parade (KS1 and EYFS) and Easter Egg Competition (KS2) plus Egg Tombola on the day of the parade. LS to ask school to confirm a date for the parade and also a date for the non-uniform day for the egg donations. Information on the parade to go out 4 weeks beforehand to give parents plenty of notice.

Uniform Sale

It was proposed that rather than collect uniform for a sale in summer term, we have a rail in the entrance lobby where parents can leave uniform they no longer need, and others can collect uniform they would like. We would have a collection box so that, if parents are able to, they can make a donation for the items they select. JP to look into a PayPal link so we could have a QR code on a poster so that parents can make card payments should they wish. LS to check with school for agreement to a permanent uniform rail.

Lotto

LS asked re progress on set up of Lotto. RD to liaise with CL to get MCC licence in place. RD will also share marketing pack so we can promote in advance of a summer term launch.

Wrong Uniform Day

RD proposed a 'Wrong Uniform Day' as a fundraising possibility. The idea being kids can come to school wearing their uniform but incorrectly e.g., cardigan on backwards, socks on hands etc. LS to enquire with school as to whether this could go ahead.

Grants

Given the current financial climate, we are wanting to reduce the pressure on parents whilst also still maximising fundraising opportunities, as such we are investigating grants we can apply for. JP will make initial investigations for two smaller grant opportunities flagged by RD with Ford Britain Trust and Wythenshawe Housing Group. RD also gave information of some larger grant opportunities which will also be reviewed.

King's Coronation

Questions were asked about what we could do to celebrate the coronation. LS will email school to see what plans they have how we can add an event such as something similar to the Jubilee picnic, where we can reuse the outdoor games and picnic blankets.

PURCHASES

The most recent purchase has been the payment of approximately £4900 for a Fire Pit as part of the efforts to improve the outdoor facilities on site. RD has suggested the PTA fund a training course with Nacro Greater Manchester Outdoor Learning which will enable the teachers to get the most out of the outdoor space. It was suggested this could be widened to include teachers from other schools in the trust and costs be split. Course costs are £500 with an additional £150 to be paid for specific resources for use after the course. RD to send information on to Helena Miller as it had been discussed in person.

RD reports that the school are having a review of the outdoor areas with plans being drawn up as to how they can be further improved. The school would like support with this once a plan is in place.

There is currently £3264 in the bank account.