**Minutes of PTFA meeting 29.09.21**

**Attendees:** James Tibbles, Estella Last, Rebecca Thomas, Layla Dayani, Tina Bell, Sophie Rimmer, Lexie Minter, Dini Vanchhawng & Hayley Steer

**Apologies:** Carolyn Pennells, Sarah Bradford, Sophie Loughlin, Laura Bacon, Patience Munyira & Teresa Heap.

* **Introductions – Who’s who**

We did a quick introduction to introduce everyone and what role the parent reps would play in the PTFA. James explained about the smaller committee and how it is easier to make decisions with a smaller core group. If there are any topics parents would like to be brought up, then they can contact their class reps, so these can be discussed.

* **Year R wine evening – 7.10.21**

LD talked about the wine evening and discussed how much wine and nibbles were needed & will order this from Morrisons. LD had set up an RSVP on the PTA website, so parents can inform us whether they are able to attend.

James has organised for 2 BASC members of staff to remain in school so parents are able to bring their children to the meeting.

* HS, JT, RT, LD to help set up.
* **Quiz Night – 12.11.21**

The quiz is kindly being sponsored by Fitzgerald jewellers. The night is currently sold out with teams on the waiting list, so if you would like to add your team to the waiting list, please contact the PTFA. The Nightyard have kindly offered to host the occasion and the profits will be split half with the SUDCUK charity and half with the PTFA. Any raffle prizes would be greatly received.

* HS to organise Kashmir
* HS & EH to organise raffle prizes
* Helpers needed from 1pm on Friday 12th please – we currently have:

Emma Haynes, Rebecca Thomas, Tina Bell, Sophie Rimmer, Kate Hyslop & Hayley Steer.

* **Christmas Fayre – 10.12.21**

Discussion over how we run the fayre this year, ideas were to buy bits for the children to purchase, for families to bring in unwanted gifts to sell or for the children to make something to gift to someone. The making of a gift was the most popular. PTFA to research different things that could be made, so any ideas very welcome.

The fayre will include: café – run by the year 5s, cake sale, games run by the year 6s.

* **Disco**

Due to all the activities going on during Christmas, it was discussed that the disco would be moved to a Friday in February. Discussion on whether it was possible for there to be something for parents – especially for those with children in KS1 & 2.

* **Village fete**

2022 is the Platinum Jubilee with extended bank holiday at the end of the half term week (Thurs-Sunday). There are likely to be lots of local events planned over that weekend.  (Patrixbourne and Bekesbourne Civic Parish Council are running a ‘Street Party’ event on Bekesbourne Rec on the 4th June and it is likely that Bridge Parish Council may opt for something on the Sunday). It was decided that the school/village fete should be later perhaps 25th June or 2nd July. There will be a music festival integrated into the fete, possible open mic, donations at the door, children to do performances throughout the afternoon, games and stalls will need supervision, so lots of parent helpers is a must to enable this to go ahead.

* **Fireworks 2022**

Pyros are needed to enable the fireworks to go ahead next year, the training for this will take place next summer, we need about 6 volunteers in total. We have 2 volunteers so far, so if you are interested in training to become a pyro and would be happy to volunteer at the fireworks, please contact the PTFA. There was discussion over the noise and complaints from neighbours/local community. We discussed that the date would need to go onto the Bridge Village Facebook page and possibly notes put through doors in Riverside Close. The food will be outsourced, but we will need more than last time as it was very busy and the queues were very long. Drinks – Red Lion.

* **Website**

Layla has set up a fantastic PTFA website which has a link through the school website. The web address is [www.bridgepta1.wixsite.com](http://www.bridgepta1.wixsite.com)

There is a link on the website to easy fundraising – click on the link and the PTFA get cashback from shopping. More information will be sent out to parents.

* **Fundraising Aim**

Creative Arts studio to be built in Easter 2022 with a significant donation from Quinn Estates, there is a shortfall of £40,000 which will be funded between PTFA fundraising and business sponsors. James now has an architectural drawing.

* **A.O.B**

Fancy dress days – Break the rules day – easy fundraising for the PTFA.

PTFA meetings to alternate between mornings in person to evenings on zoom to try to get more people involved.

LM mentioned tea towels for a possible fundraiser next year.

* **Actions**
* JT to contact Anno distillery
* LM to research tea towels
* LD to organise fundraising page on PTFA website
* RT to contact Premier Bar Runner
* SR & LM to try to set up Year R class whatsapp groups.
* **Events 2021/22**
* Disco - TBD
* Gin Evening - TBD
* 5km run - TBD
* Barn dance – 14th May 2022
* Village fete - TBD
* Fireworks 2022 -TBD

**Next PTFA meeting: 16th November @ 7pm via zoom.**