

Minutes of St Mary's PTA Meeting via Googlemeet
Thursday 17th June 2021

Present

Claire Clarke, Jane Elson, Sheryl Hayes, Sarah Jones, Jon Wynn

Apologies

Jayne Curtis, Sarah Genner, Laura Ivison, Hayley Marney, Kerry Morgon-Shaw, Stacie Sutton

Pre-loved Uniform Sale

- To be held Monday 12th July from 3pm in the school car park
- All unwanted, clean uniform to be brought into school by Friday 2nd July
- Any prospective donations available after school has finished for summer, please email stmaryscoltonpta@gmail.com or let PTA know ☺
- Sarah to provide petty cash for sale, helpers on the day (to set up at 2pm) – Claire, Jane and Sarah, Sheryl to provide a hanging rail

Horti-Hub update

- Workbenches still to be finished – Claire and Sheryl to go in and build Monday 28th June
- Official opening celebration to be held Friday 10th September 2.30-5pm for all children, parents and wider community
- Refreshments, cakes, ice creams to be provided by Alex the school cook, cake donations (Mr Wynn to put out reminder on Schudio)
- Mr Lovern will formally open the Hub
- Invites being designed and produced, to be sent out asap
- Alan Titchmarsh has been emailed to see if he would make a guest appearance!
- Need to contact press, Kerry Morgon-Shaw to take photographs on the day, all will help to raise the profile of the school
- Sheryl to contact Gould's to top up the bark chip over the summer
- Volunteers needed on the day to set up (Picnic benches, tables, refreshments, bunting etc) – Claire, Sheryl, Jane, Sarah, more help needed please...
- Volunteers needed to help at the event – cakes, teas / coffees etc

- Mr Wynn to organise small groups of children to demonstrate the forest school provision and outdoor nurture room during the event
- Parents able to arrive from 2.30pm, parents unable to attend may send in money with their children on the day
- It was suggested by Sarah that we could also have a plant and veg sale on the day, great plan!
- Horti-Hub merchandise to be sorted – mugs??!!
- Help needed over the summer please to sand and repaint the picnic benches – Claire, Sheryl, Jane...

Carwash

- Saturday 25th September 8.30am-1pm
- As many helpers as possible needed!
- Cakes and refreshments to be on sale in the school hall as before
- Advert to be designed over the summer to go in August edition of Parish magazine – Claire
- Leaflets to be distributed early September – Claire / Sheryl
- Banners - more banners required, one to go on the fence at the junction of Bellamour Way

Big Breakfast

- 'Back Together Again Big Breakfast' to be held at school Saturday 13th November
- Helpers needed!! Any volunteers please speak to or email PTA, the more the merrier!
- Mr Wynn to ask teachers to help

Money Spent Recently

- Items for Horti-Hub
- New PE shed
- Basketball hoops
- New rabbit hutch
- Tumble Drier
- Fridge for Early Years classroom
- Georgia (dance and drama)
- Leaver's hoodies and celebrations

Money Raised Recently

- Non-Uniform Day £80
- Spare bacon from Big Breakfast £20
- Cash for Clothes £121
- PTA 10k £11,345
- PTA 2020 Mugs £90

Future fundraising to look at fencing off an area around the Early Years classroom as done previously with Class 2. Similar fence to before quite costly, Mr Wynn suggested an alternative – Gould's have offered free wooden logs to us, could Tommie Ivison (with our help) build a more rustic fence with these? To speak to Tommie and get a price – Claire

Bike Shelter Update

- Sheryl informed us that despite the enviro-grant enabling us to purchase the shelter and bike racks, the delivery charge is extremely costly for such a large item and significantly increases overall cost
- Liaising with the company to see if we can reach a compromise and split the cost of delivery or source own courier
- Hoping to be able to purchase this before the end of term

59 Club

- Lots of winners recently, worth doing
- Easy way for PTA to generate money, £1 per week, £20 winnings!
- Need to encourage more people to sign up – easy to do by Standing Order
- PTA to send out separate notice for this to parents

National PTA Awards

- We have submitted a nomination to the Parentkind National PTA Awards in the category 'Changing the Life of the School' for St Mary's Horti-Hub
- Winners to be announced at the end of June, first prize £250 for each category with the chance to win £1000 if selected as overall winner

#PTA Heroes Campaign

- As part of National PTA Week and as we have submitted an award nomination sharing our contribution for last year, Parentkind have asked if we will take part in their #PTA Heroes Campaign
- Parentkind are co-ordinating some video content to share stories of different PTAs and to shine a spotlight on the contribution we make and also to help inspire other PTAs and parent volunteers
- We have recorded some video footage to support their campaign and this will be shown on their website and across some social media too
- Great way to promote our PTA and to keep moving forward

Easyfundraising

- Claire now the named contact for our PTA's Easyfundraising account
- Easyfundraising is the UK's biggest charity shopping site and is an easy way for us as a PTA to raise money simply by shopping online
- You simply shop as normal at your favourite retailers through Easyfundraising and the retailer then makes a small donation to our PTA
- Claire to receive a coaching call from the Easyfundraising team to help us to utilise the site more effectively and to promote it within school

AOB

- Sadly, the Leaver's picnic scheduled to be held on Pedley's Croft has had to be cancelled due to Covid restrictions not being lifted as hoped. With 16 leavers, their parents, siblings and teachers, there would be significantly more than 30 people which is not allowed
- However, PTA are delighted to still be able to fund a wonderful celebration for the Year 6 children on the school field Friday 16th July
- Leaver's service will be online 9.30am, available for parents to join via Googlemeet
- Picnic / BBQ / fish and chips (Alex the cook to sort), balloons, banners, bouncy castle with music (Claire to book), photographer (Kerry) to take photos of friendship groups for parents to purchase online (Mr Wynn to send out a consent form for this), ice cream van to visit
- Year 6 will also have a trip to the Adventure Farm Thursday 15th July (parents to pay for this)
- Mr Wynn thanked the PTA for their hard work and contributions over the last year