**St Mary’s Primary School PTA**

**Friday 26th January 2024**

**Those in Attendance**

Amy Walker (AW)

Becky Hall (BH)

Lucy Cooper (LC)

Jen Benton (JB)

Charlotte Strong (CS)

Vicky Sykes (VS)

Matt Sacre (MS)

Stacie Sutton (SS)

Emma Thurman (ET)

Melanie Mottram (MM)

Katy Elkesley (KE)

**Welcome**

AW welcoming everyone to the meeting and thanking them for making time to attend the meeting today.

**Apologies**

Claire Clark

Helen McClure

Mr J. Wynn

Miss D. Davis

**Minutes of the last meeting (15 Sept 2024) to be approved**

AW asked if everyone had read the minutes of the last meeting, and if so whether there were any amendments sought. The minutes were approved.

**Valentines disco**

AW confirmed that the disco will be on the 9th Feb 2024. AW confirmed people had already kindly offered to help at this event but asked for more volunteers if possible. AW said they were not having a DJ as it was expensive last time, and it was felt that they didn’t interact with the children and only played music. AW has sourced a light and sound system for £25, so much cheaper than the DJ. AW suggested ideas to make it different to previous discos with concepts such as a V.I.P area for class 4 with a booth area, polaroid camera and photos to take home, mocktails, song requests, wristbands, or lanyards to identify them. This is to ensure the older children enjoy going to the discos and they appeal to their age group. New ideas will be trialled and changed as needed. AW said she had asked children of this age what they would like at a disco and asked the members to also ask their children, friends, family for other ideas as well.

AW commented that she is looking into whether temporary tattoos could be offered to the younger children. AW checking this with teachers. LC stated that volunteers could not support this activity unless they have an enhanced DBS, so teachers would need to support this. CS expressed concerns that the younger children may be upset that the older children get a VIP area. AW confirmed that the younger children would get ‘new’ ideas and activities too.

AW commented that the confectionary choice will be expanded. More information to come out nearer the time. The fries didn’t cook well last time so hot dogs and veggie dogs will be on offer to purchase as they are quicker and easier to cook on the night.

**Mothers Day event (date to be confirmed)**

AW discussed a Mother’s Day event such as afternoon tea after school. Date to be confirmed once it has been discussed with school as they couldn’t be present at the meeting. AW proposed baking own cakes etc for the event. AW suggested the school holds a non-uniform day in exchange for a Mother’s Day gift that could be given to mothers at the event. AW confirmed this would be a ticket event. LC asked about capacity and queried if the school hall has capacity for all children to bring someone. AW commented that she is in discussions with the village hall about a discount for hall hire on a regular basis as this would also help with school date availability and capacity issues. AW confirmed that the village hall capacity would be sufficient for this event. The Church room was discussed as an option but decided that this would not be big enough. LC asked for confirmation of the date to be given asap so people can plan work arrangements etc as this would be a popular event that people will want to attend.

**Navigation scatter.**

SS commented that this event had previously been planned and all the questions and routes are available. The routes would just need to be rechecked as it’s been some time since this was done. It involves teams answering approx. 30 questions covering the surrounding towns and villages and the fastest person wins. AW and SS commented that this could be combined with events such as Colton open gardens or a PTA summer fate. VS confirmed that Colton open gardens is going ahead this year (summertime, date to be confirmed). SS will hand over all the information for this event to AW. SS confirmed she would support with this event. SS and AW commented that prizes for first and last place could be awarded e.g. wooden spoon for the loser and a plaque for the winner.

**Future events**

AW commented that these will be discussed at the next meeting.

**Treasurers Report**

Please see attached report for full detail.

BH noted the biggest expense has been the stationary box for each classroom. This was greatly received by the school. BH highlighted the success of the tombola and raffle at Christmas and a steady income from the 59 club since November to date.

BH noted that the banking is still in the process of being transferred to them from the previous committee. This is why there is a larger than normal amount of petty cash. An increased amount in the petty cash enables the committee to make purchased more easily during this transition.

**AOB**

Nil

**Chairs closing comments.**

AW thanked everyone again for their time this evening and if anyone has any new ideas then please get in touch. AW commented that the online meeting had been a success and more attendees than the previous meeting.