

Minutes of St Mary's PTA Meeting
Friday 28th January 2022

Present

Claire Clarke, Jayne Curtis, Sheryl Hayes, Sarah Jones, Hayley Marney, Kerry Morgon-Shaw, Jon Wynn

Apologies

Jane Elson, Sarah Genner, Becky Hall, Donna Pagel, Stacie Sutton, Emma Wood

Minutes from Last Meeting 05.11.21

- These were approved and no amendments made

Valentine's Disco 11.02.22

- Mr Wynn to ask staff who can help at the event
- Sheryl to confirm arrangements with DJ
- We will be unable to offer for sale food prepared by parents due to Health and Safety regulations. Claire to contact the parent who has kindly offered to prepare food for us and explain
- Helpers to set up on the afternoon of the event (1.30pm) – Claire, Sheryl, Emma Thurman, Kerry, Sarah G, Sema Yanik
- Helpers at the event – as above plus Hayley, Jayne and Donna
- Sheryl and Sarah J to help Claire make up the bags of sweets
- Claire to collect fryer and oil from Sarah Hunt

Dates for the Diary...

Easter Bingo - Friday 1st April 2022

- Doors open 5.30pm, bingo to take place 6-8pm
- There will be a non-uniform day on Thursday 31st March 2022 in exchange for an easter egg or chocolate donation
- We will need to set up the display of eggs on Thursday 31st March or Friday 1st April, tbc, helpers needed for this please
- Claire to speak to Kate Staples regarding use of village hall as planned for bingo in 2020...

End of SATs Big Breakfast - Saturday 14th May 2022

PTA Carwash - Saturday 18th June 2022

Sports Day BBQ - Friday 1st July 2022

- This will be held in the afternoon

Year 6 Leaver's Party - Friday 8th July 2022

- PTA will, once again, pay for this as well as their Leaver's Hoodies
- The party will take place on the same day as the service in church

Pre-Loved Uniform Sale - Thursday 14th July 2022

- To take place outside school again 3-4pm

Proposal of Partitioning Wall

- Mr Wynn put forward a proposal for a removeable partitioning wall so we are able to divide the hall and create extra space as and when required
- Lack of space is a problem in school, this will make a huge difference to day-to-day school life
- Sheryl presented information of a similar partition used at her work (this cost £4,800 plus VAT) and will get the same people who installed it to quote at school
- Mr Wynn also to get a quote and get back to us
- Spending team will need to authorise whether we can go ahead and fundraise for this as could be in the region of £5-6k
- We discussed the option of setting up a Crowdfunding page to support our fundraising efforts if we decide to go ahead with this project

Easyfundraising

- Claire has received a coaching call to explain more about how it works and how we can use it to our advantage, ways to promote it etc
- Hoping that the business cards that have been designed, printed and recently given out to all parents will help to promote the use of

Easyfundraising across the school and ensure we receive free donations every quarter

- Also hoping that the business cards will prompt parents to join the 59 Club
- If anyone has any questions about Easyfundraising please get in touch with PTA

Money Spent Recently

- Since the last meeting we have spent £125 on Georgia Holloway's Dance and Drama lessons, £400 on books, £250 on 4 x balance bikes and helmets for Early Years, installation of bike shelter £100, wooden planter and plants in memory of Joan Kinsman £173.20, new starter welcome packs £4
- There will be one new family joining the school after Easter – Claire to prepare new starter welcome pack for them

Money Raised Recently

- Since the last meeting we have raised £939 at Big Breakfast, £80 at the Christmas Wreath Making Workshop, £84 at the Christmas Disco and £165 at the Colton Christmas Fair including the sale of advent calendars
- What an amazing achievement!

HSBC Account Update

- We are hoping that we will be able to close this account finally – the form has been completed and posted
- Hoping that this goes smoothly and does not require us to track down signatories from many years ago!
- This will mean that the PTA will then have just one account that is accessible to the authorised account signatories rather than having an old account from years ago that is unable to be used
- We would like to use the money in this account for something nice for the children, approx. £400
- Mr Wynn will ask school council for any suggestions, it would be really nice if the children could have a say in what they do!

Charity Registration

- This has been on hold after speaking to the Charity Commission who clarified that if the turnover threshold was exceeded as a one-off donation then it is not a legal requirement to register as a charity
- However, after some more consideration and, if we may be considering raising the amount needed for a partitioning wall, then it will be a good idea to be registered in preparation for that
- Sheryl and Claire have set a date to tackle this job!

Queens' Jubilee

- School will be holding their own celebrations
- PTA love a bit of merch! We shall we producing some tea-towels to commemorate the jubilee with the children all drawing their own faces and names on it, to sell to parents
- Claire will look into this for prices and timescales etc

AOB

- Stacie Sutton asked if PTA would consider supporting investment into the accelerated reader programme where pupils read a book and then take part in an online quiz and receive immediate feedback on it
- The proposal was put forward to Mr Wynn who will contact Stacie with his thoughts

End of Meeting