

PTA Meeting 9th March 2021

Attended

M. Valli, R. Cahill, C. Crosland, D. Carr, L. Fairclough, S. Talbot, R. Massey, H. Haywood, R. Matthews, E. Robinson, S. Rush, F. Hingston, V. Mason, R. Brockhouse, D. Hingston, S. Massey

Apologies

K. Wicklen, C. Cardwell, E. Jones

1. Easter Egg Donations

School requested the PTA to donate Easter Eggs, so each child gets one.

Vanessa Mason has been able to source a donation of half of the Easter Eggs and Taurus will be buy the other half. We are just waiting for the confirmation from the Co-op. This will be held on Maundy Thursday.

2. School Playground re-vamp (fun-play.co.uk)

PTA entered a competition for a playground revamp for playground markings. Closing date next week.

- Is this something school are interested in the PTA contributing to if they do not win the competition? Markings seem to range from £100 - £500. PTA will explore other quotes if this is something school are interested in. Company will do a virtual visit if needed.
- D. Carr reported the playground is being used heavily at the moment and areas that have had work spent on them are showing signs of wear and tear. We have been unable to close areas that would not be used during the winter months due to COVID restrictions have meant all areas of outdoor space have been used. We are looking at a better surface for the trim trail due to it being flooded. Need a more substantial surface. The Year 1 outdoor area is being developed. Due to the pressures of COVID SLT are just beginning to look at wider priorities for spending on needs in school. Yes, the outdoor area needs improving but desks and chairs will also need replacing over the next couple of years. We do not want to ask parents for money due to the financial pressures they are facing. We are desperate to take the children on trips and use school fund to contribute to this.
- PTA will support school priorities and needs.
- Action going forward to plan a meeting to discuss school priorities and an identification of needs with documentation to show this.

3. Coffee Cart Feedback

Business would donate £300 a month to school but require two car parking spaces. After much consideration school felt this wasn't the right opportunity for our school, although it is difficult to turn down £300 a month for the following reasons.

Car parking issues for staff and deliveries. Limitation of space currently with no coffee cart already means that deliveries can be blocked, and we do not have enough spaces for staff and visitors.

It's a busy ground and although it's a long driveway there is a risk of children getting hurt from something, we've brought onto school grounds.

Covid is not going away and at this current time it is not something we want to commit to given the current climate.

However, school are open to any suggestions and will give everything a go, as long as it is within schools' remit. Please keep the ideas coming.

4. Future Fund-Raising priorities

Can school get a quote for all the table and chairs? D. Carr to look at this and come back to the PTA with needs for Year 5 and Year 1 table and chairs. PTA to see if they can get any good deals.

Look into improving the outdoor area.

Look into garden centre donations. H. Haywood will ask her husband if he can help.

5. AOB

L. Fairclough to sort out transfer of chairs on official documentation.

Thank you to C. Crosland for her role as Chair over the past 2 years.