

PTA

Minutes

3 November 2021

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Present:

Matthew Crouch (MC) Andrew Chambers (AC) Nicola Chambers (NC) Nic Pearce (NP) Lucy Barnett (LBa)

Charlotte Harrison (CH) Zoë Hallington (ZH)

Apologies:

Cate Floyd (CF) Laura Brough (LB) Sammie Hart (SH)

PREVIOUS MINUTES	ACTION
Minutes of the previous PTA meeting are reviewed: there are no outstanding actions.	
AGENDA	
UPDATE ON FINANCES The results of recent fundraising initiatives are as follows: Pumpkin competition £67.50 Xmas cards £69.50 Open Day £87.00	
5P CHALLENGE The challenge will be wrapped on Friday 5 November. MC will send out a message letting everyone know that the challenge is ending and will label the bottles by year group. AC will ask LB to put a similar message on social media about it. CH will collect the funds at the end of the school day on Friday.	MC / AC / LB / CH
SCHOOL TRIP TO MANCHESTER PTA agree to donate £1000.00 as a contribution to the expenses of the school trip, which is equivalent to approximately £7.00 per child. There was discussion as to whether the PTA should inform parents that the donation was in lieu of an individual Christmas present per child, which the PTA had organized in previous years. This information could be included in the next newsletter (NP).	NP
NEWSLETTER NP will start drafting the next newsletter, which could go out after the Christmas market. CH will provide a list of funds raised recently by activity.	NP / CH
CHRISTMAS RAFFLE There's a need to advertise the raffle more. MC has contacted Penrith town council to understand whether Years 2 and 3 can collect donations when they go carol singing. The PTA holds a gambling licence in order to run the school lottery, which could be taken into account by the council. MC will contact CH for further support on this if needed.	
CHRISTMAS MARKET <i>Stalls</i> An additional £30.00 has been collected by the school for Christmas stalls. CH will collect this money from SH on Friday 5 November. As yet, there is no flower/Christmas wreath stand for the market so PTA members should spread the word among florists if they know any.	CH / SH

<p><i>Contingency planning</i></p> <p>There is no specific plan for how to hold the market in the event of bad weather. To ensure as much social distancing as possible, the school is planning to spread out the stalls as much as possible. The tombola in particular will be held in an open space to avoid crowding.</p>	
<p>PARACHUTE</p> <p>CH will follow up with Gav about organizing a tree for the parachute.</p>	CH
<p>YURT</p> <p>AC is still waiting for confirmation about when the yurt will be available. NP will look into getting gravel for the installation (enough for a circle 6 metres in diameter).</p>	NP
<p>CHRISTMAS TRAIL</p> <p>NC is sending out posters in Tirril to gauge the level of interest in participating in the trail (i.e. by decorating their houses / a window). The idea is to hold a light trail and treasure hunt; there will hopefully also be a nativity scene part of the way round.</p>	NC
<p>OTHER FUNDRAISING IDEAS</p> <p><i>Easter bingo</i></p> <p>With the Easter holiday starting on 2 April 2022, the bingo could be held on Thursday 31 March in the school hall. Plans are for a chocolate bingo. Planning will start in the new year.</p> <p><i>Truck pull</i></p> <p>CH has checked to see whether there would be any obstacle to the PTA organizing a truck pull from an insurance point of view. NC suggested participants could sign a disclaimer; CH noted that although that might be sufficient to cover a minor injury sustained during the event, it would be unlikely to protect the PTA if someone injured themselves badly. The implications would be worse if the truck pull were held on school premises as the school could also potentially be liable.</p> <p>AC will talk to his insurance provider to see if they can offer any advice. MC would talk to SH to understand whether there would be any issues from the point of view of the trust.</p> <p><i>Disco</i></p> <p>The PTA agree to pencil in a disco for adults, which could be held between January and Easter 2022. Planning for the event will begin after Christmas, including finding a name for the disco.</p> <p><i>Lego challenge</i></p> <p>LBa suggests holding a Lego challenge perhaps in the summer. Participants would bring their own Lego to the competition, which they could keep within a hula hoop to avoid it getting mixed up with others'. They would be given a surprise theme and have an hour to build something. The winners could be given Lego as prizes.</p> <p><i>Climate change challenges</i></p> <p>LBa suggests brainstorming fundraising ideas related to climate change, such as building scarecrows or other sculptures from plastic bottles and other materials. Participants could pay e.g. 50p to enter.</p>	AC / MC / SH
<p>COMPOST BIN</p> <p>The school Eco Council really wants a compost bin for the school, where children can put their apple cores and fruit peel after their snack. PTA agrees to look into buying a compost bin for them.</p>	NC / CH
<p>WEBSITE</p> <p>ZH and MC will send NP a mini bio and photo for the PTA webpage.</p>	ZH / MC
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