

## PTA MEETING 10<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER 2014, MINUTES.

Attendees; Jordane Edwards-Maddock, Adam Maddock, Emma Delmont-Shell, Claire Rowan, Anne Aspinall, Beth Daniels, Rachel Bush, Jo Wilson, Katharine Gosling, Alison Timson, Caroline Hartley.

Apologies ; Isabel Howett, Alison O'Conner, Karen Neale, Rachel Ibbott, Hannah Parrott, Lisa Merriman, Esther Lambert, Jane Ince, Nikki Mann, Penny Watson, Sharon Plowes, Chrissy Tressidder, Annie Cooke.

Chaired by Jordane.

Welcome & apologies. Meeting called primarily as a catch up & update from sub-committees. Met in the evening at The Cosy Club to try other times & venues to suit as many as possible.

Minutes of last meeting & agenda circulated.

\*First Aid Course; looked into by Isabel Howett, St Johns Ambulance do a course in childrens First Aid for parents cost between £10-20 per head & VAT depending on numbers & £3pp to include De- Fib training. Alison Timson said Year 5 6 now having first aid at school to approach the school to see who they are using & discuss further. Jordane updated that Miss Dicker has replied to say yes to the offer of a De-fib in school & instead of helping to fund through the PTA we have offered a stall at the Christmas fair to help towards this.

Dosh4Defibs on Facebook to keep updated with progress.

\*KS1 Christmas Party update, 15<sup>th</sup> Dec ; Entertainer booked, FC booked, books ordered, cupcakes, Lisa Merriman happy to do as before, people to help on the day & a teacher (probably Mrs Exton) to act as liason between the staff/children.

Possible help needed to wrap the books, Claire Rowan happy to help with this.

\*Christmas Fair update, 6<sup>th</sup> Dec; Emma feedback FC presents for around £1 difficult to find of any quality, christmas stationary found as a possibility from Party Pieces, to forward link to Jordane & Alison to review & decide for this

year. The eco site which has games etc too busy at this stage to order from, to bear in mind for next year & to try discuss & order these earlier.

Discussed possibility of increasing cost to visit grotto to up the money available for a present, most thought it was right for FC to be there & an option for all rather than as a profit maker.

Idea discussed for having an optional photo of grotto visit, booked with the FC session & paid as extra at that time - ?£3.50. It was thought it would need to be of good quality, perhaps in a Christmas shape/border & delivered into the book bags for the end of term, IT needs to be looked into & it would involve an 'Elf' to take the photo when in the grotto. Possibility of asking Stamford photo shop for prices/sponsorship to decide if this would work, may be too tight for this year. Claire Rowan to look into further.

Alison mentioned it would be great if the helpers on the stalls could be enough so that volunteers didn't do the 2 hour shift but had time to enjoy the fair also.

Help required to wrap presents when arrived & to sort through donations on Non Uniform Day – Weds 26<sup>th</sup> Nov.

\*Future PTA ideas from Penny Watson, given by Jordane as Penny absent.

Film Night, do school organise through Business Club? To find out if another is due next term.

Car Boot for Kids, bringing in suitcases of things to sell.

Moving on from Frozen Fridays, ideas to suit each season ie Flapjack Fridays,

Increasing the number of cake sales esp around Mothers Day Easter etc. Discussed to try to have these on a regular monthly basis perhaps the last Friday of each month, decision could be made on the day if enough cakes donated on the day otherwise to buy if not.

Cheese & Wine evening with Bingo, previous success with a quiz.

Kids Bingo, Jordane attending one at Ryhall school, prebooked & paid tickets with food, to see how this works & feedback.

FunRuns, perhaps more difficult to arrange but discussed annual Santa Fun Run at Burghley, could enter a St Gilberts Team but 2015 rather than this year.

More joined up events with other schools – such as the successful Scootathon.

Sports based activities not competitions, welly wanging, hula hooping, uni cycling, fencing all put forward perhaps to be included in the Summer fair, more of a 'festival' feel.

Continue Town trail & Hidden Article events during half terms, these can be to take & do independently or with tea & cake at the school as a social event. Rachel Bush had seen one recently with photos around buildings/places of Stamford, perhaps could recreate in the future. Alison Timson has a Christmas Quiz written by a previous PTA member, decided we could use & sell for over the Christmas Holidays to complete with family/friends & return in the New Year. Alison to follow up on this.

School Disco, missed this term as Disco company busy to arrange for the New Year but to avoid Valentines theme as may alienate some children.

School Calendar discussed, a great idea needs a lot of planning, academic year, dates of terms/PTA events/meetings to be included, possibly sold at information evenings for new children as well. The idea of approaching a SWA or NC photography student to use as a project suggested, Claire Rowan to look into further. Jordan to gather info from Thurlby school who do one each year.

Tea Towels suggested. Last one for the Jubilee 2012.

Swishing Party suggested. Clothes/jewellery/accessories. Could be made into a social & perhaps have a speaker to give style advice as MNDA previously had, to speak to Ellen Chisholm if taken up as an idea.

\*Cauliflower Cards, update from Annie Cooke via Alison, good result, £370 raised, comparable to previous years. Thanks from Annie to Rachel Ibbott & Jo Wilson for their help.

\*Next PTA Meeting 4 weeks takes it past the Christmas Fair, to leave planning with the sub-committee for this & meet Monday 8<sup>th</sup> Dec 9am at school to debrief fair & tie up loose ends, raffle prizes if not collected etc that day also.

Various actions needed following meeting but help required for

Bags to School Tues 25<sup>th</sup> Nov – give out bags/information in book bags, collect donations on the day/ load into van.

Non Uniform Day Weds 26<sup>th</sup> Nov – raffle tickets/ forms for help on the stalls & what to bring book bags beforehand/ help to sort through donations on the day.

AOB.

Jordane to look into the possibility of a Facebook group for parents to share event information & diary dates in this way.

It was felt it was a nice change to be at the Cosy Club, thanks for arranging the Mess room & water/table. Good to see different people able to attend.

Christmas Social idea drinks at the Cosy Club Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> December 7.30/8pm . All Welcome

Next PTA Meeting Monday 8<sup>th</sup> December 9am Staff Room.