

PTA meeting

Helen, Mrs. Leighton, Heather, Hayley, Jennifer, Tracy, Pippa

Finances:

Approx. £3000 funds available to School

PTA float – Jennifer suggested a bigger float is held in account for any up-front PTA costs/ expenses as money ran low before funds came in from 2015 events.

Suggestions for funds/ new ideas

School would like to upgrade reading books, looking for different range – Project X for p3-5, more Read Write Inc. resources (£500) doors on front of cupboards in nursery, new easel and lower level unit for nursery (£500) before Christmas. In summer look at bursary outdoor class, mobile wall with water gullies for nursery P1. Money to support coach trips (approx. £250 per trip and approx. 2 trips per term for remainder of 2015/16 session)

Helen would like to know cost per child of trip – to show how PTA supports school trips.

Composer – (£500 per day) probably 2 days

It was mentioned that some children would miss Mr. Dagger's fish if he takes them. Mrs. Leighton suggested if they went with Mr. Dagger the class could get a new pet with some funding from PTA. This was agreed.

Digital – Kindle/Audio books

Outdoor days with ranger Ben Mor center for older kids – last year camp was expensive PTA could contribute something to this. Payment by instalments if organised earlier.

Looking at getting artists / film makers into work with children - suggestions included Liz Crombie, and artist who attended the winter market and does art workshops with children. Mrs. Leighton also mentioned her husband and a friend had previously run screen printing workshops and this could perhaps be arranged for some time in the future. It was also suggested that perhaps we could arrange for artwork to be displayed in the Humble Hub

Mrs. Leighton also suggested that the new teacher to replace Mr. Dagger can decide on where some of the spending goes as well.

Burns Supper

Burns Supper in January – Agreed date is 22nd January and the hall has been booked.

Helen confirmed she would arrange band and ask Windymains for sponsorship and Tracy will organise occasional licence. Other things to be arranged could be done early in the New Year and it was suggested a subcommittee work on this with the usual support from parents to help with cooking, serving/ making puddings etc. Pippa noted she would be happy to do this with others.

Likely to raise approx. £1000 at Burns, assuming we get usual sponsorship from Windymains.

Teacher Post

Mrs. Leighton confirmed there were a good number of applicants already. There will be a transition period for the new teacher as Mr. Dagger is staying until the end of the first week in the new term. Many of the changes recently introduced are set to stay.

Market debrief

Looking at approx. £2100 raised.

Event was another success although marquees were a lot of work, particularly with the poor weather and didn't add much to the amount raised, so should be reconsidered for future.

Below are a list of other comments and suggestions to consider for future events:

One place inside with the raffle books (at the door), with the prizes listed

Price tags on items

Good stuff, nice atmosphere

Marquee was a lot of work and stressful to have

Look for bigger indoor venue

Commission – not have so many things

Elf and sausage/waffles sold well

Stovies ask L and G opinion

Pricing bring it down on some items – get an idea of prices from other events on home baking, hand crafted items to get it right

Café worked well – unify pricing (price of scones at café was different to cake stall)

Organisation was good.

Look ahead for trends for PTA stall

Face painter was great

Better place for Santa and crafts

Santa was great

AOB

Chicken Rota - Can anyone able to help put their name on the chicken rota, please.

Community Pensioners Christmas lunch - Jennifer will be helping at this year's event and asked if anyone else could help. Helen volunteered to help on the day and Tracy confirmed she could donate potatoes and Brussels sprouts. The school children will also be singing at the lunch to provide some entertainment.

Next meeting: TBC but early in the New Year.