

PTFA Meeting 7th October 2022

Attendees:

Rachel Herring – PTFA Treasurer, yr3 & yr6 parent, Michelle Birkett – PTFA Secretary & yr6 parent, Charlene Morris – PTFA member & yr6 parent, Sam Anderson-Parker – yr 4 parent, James Pardy – yr 2 parent, Jodie Watson – yr 2 parent, Louise Minor – yr 6 parent, Wendy Cox – yr 2 & yr 5 parent, Alister Paton – yr R parent, Paulina Page-Smith – yr 3 parent.

Apologies:

Lisa Philogene-Jones – PTFA Chair, Jenny Coultier, Laura Freeman, Jenna Phipps, Lorraine Davies

Introduction

Rachel starts the meeting by welcoming everyone and introducing herself. We then go around the room and everyone introduces themselves. Rachel explains what the PTFA do and what we are currently raising funds for (mini – bus). She explains we are close to reaching our target goal (or potentially already at our target for the new mini bus). Rachel explained that costs have increased since we set the target for the mini bus so Mike (caretaker) is going to look into latest costs.

Rachel then starts to explain about some of the current ongoing events/ fundraisers we currently do and events for the upcoming year we are planning:

- 200 club – Rachel explained what the club is. A few parents expressed interest but unsure of how to join. Post to be send on FB/ Classlist explaining what 200 club is and how to apply.
- Pre-loved uniform – previously the pre-loved uniform has been put out in the office on the first week of the month. This is an ongoing event that continues to provide the PTFA with a regular income whilst helping local families in school. Donations can be left in the office, clearly labelled for PTFA. Cash only payments for pre-loved uniform, an honesty tin is left in the office when the uniform is out.
- New Uniform – We have also started selling new school uniform. Parents/ carers can email the PTFA directly to request items. We will also hold new uniform sales at various points throughout the year. We will advertise and notify parents when we hold these.
- Panto – Every year the PTFA pay for a Panto to come into school and perform for all the children to see.
- Reception storytelling evening – the children come into school in their pj's and enjoy story's being read by teachers. This year the reception staff have asked to change this event to a story hunt.
- School discos – Previous years we have had school discos. Due to behavior of children at these events it's been asked if we can look into outside discos instead of having them in the hall. This would be a summer event if we are able to run them.
- Year 6 leavers lunch – Rachel explained that every year we pay for year 6 to have a leavers lunch after their SATS exams.

- Christmas colouring competition – We will be running our popular Christmas colouring competition again this year. We will be asking for a small entrance fee (50p per entry) and there will be categories for the children to choose from. A winner and runner up from each category will be chosen (chosen by a member of school staff) and they will receive a small prize as well as their pictures being displayed in the office. Each child who enters will also receive a small Christmas gift.
- Kristy Kreme Dounuts – last year we held a Krispy Kreme sale. All donuts were presold via classlist (first come first serve) and it proved a big hit. We will look into holding another sale.
- Non – uniform days – we hold 2/3 non uniform days a year, in return for donations/ fundraising.
- Coin wars – Each class is given an empty jar and children are encouraged to do chores/ help out at home in return for some coins to take to school and place in the jar. This event gets competitive between classes/ teachers with the highest donations in each year being given a certificate and a full 100 square for them to enjoy. The class with the overall highest total for the whole school will also receive a small present for their hard work.
- My Child art – The children have been busy at school creating some wonderful drawings for my child art. These will be uploaded onto a secure site and when it is live parents will be given the log on information. You will then be able to see your child's work and order personalised Christmas cards/ presents. The PTFA make a small commission on orders.
- Christmas evening – This year we are possibly looking at holding a Christmas evening, with stalls for crafts etc. It was asked if we could have a Santa's grotto for the children this year. It was also asked about holding a raffle on the evening.
- Summer Fayre – We will be holding our summer fayre in June (date to be confirmed). This is a big successful fundraising event for us and takes months of planning. It was suggested having some old-fashioned style fate games and may-pole dancing. We will look into this when planning starts in the new year.
- Pamper evening – We have held a pamper evening in the past. If this is something parents would like to do and we have enough interest with external businesses then we can look into trying to run this event again.
- Adults' nights – In previous years the PTFA ran a quiz night with adults only. Food was ordered in and parents brought their own drinks.
- Bingo night – Due to covid we haven't been able to run our popular family bingo evening. We are hoping to be able to hold this event, around easter time.
- Mother's Day/ Father's Day gifts – we have run an event for Mother's Days/ Father's Day events. In previous years we have held a secret room for the children to go and select a gift, personalise it and then take home. We haven't been able to run this due to covid. The past few years we have provided clues for the gifts and parents/ children have been able to select an option when ordering on classlist. It is becoming harder to find suitable gifts within our budget and it is something we may not be able to run this year.

New Ideas

1. Cheese and Wine evening – It was suggested we look into holding a cheese and wine evening, with external companies coming in and providing products. Suggested date was end of Feb. We will look into this and see if we can get a date in the school diary
2. Movie Night – we have suggested this in the past but looking into this, the licensing around the showing of films is complicated and can become an expensive event.
 - Day trips – It was asked if we had looked into booking group discount tickets (theme parks etc). Also looking at something such as track days?
3. Other themed events/ evening suggested: Chinese New Year and holding some sort of event for this.

It was asked if we could have some sort of calendar with annual events for all parents to view. We will look into this and see if this can be done.

Any companies who can donate time/ money to the school is always very welcomed. Rachel explained that this is something that she has organised through her previous employer and explained the various things that volunteers have helped with at school.

Rachel explained that we regularly post events and updates to our social media page on Facebook and we set up events via Classlist so people can purchase tickets and pay via card. We are using Classlist more and are trying to get as many parents/ carers signed up.

Rachel thanks everyone for coming and interacting/ coming up with some wonderful new ideas/ events for us to look into.