

## **Eyam School PTA meeting**

**19<sup>th</sup> January 2017. 7.30pm at the Mechanics Institute**

### **Attendees**

Will Withall, Pam Cocker, Louise Heath, Jayne Pritzlaff, Eleanor Ross, Jo Tinker, Becky Edwards, Mel Rawson, Vicky Binns, Lucy Taylor

### **Apologies**

Julia Pritchard, Oona Gilbertson

### **Minutes from last meeting**

Unanimously agreed

### **Kitchen Garden Update**

It is nearly finished, there are no further anticipated major costs. BE to contact The Garden Society for help/ideas with planting and any other support they can offer.

It was felt an opening ceremony involving all members of the community involved would be a good idea.

### **Tyre Park Update**

More work required – currently awaiting grant application

### **Bonfire Update**

Thank you to Clare Hepworth and the bonfire committee. Thank you to everyone in the community who helped.

The Bonfire Committee has proposed a gift of £500 from this years' proceeds to Eyam Sports Association. This is in recognition of their help and support in organising the bonfire and the facilities provided by the sports association that are available to our children. This was unanimously supported.

### **Pantomime Update**

Thank you to all those involved in the pantomime. The children really enjoyed it. Thank you to everyone involved.

## **Funding Requests**

O.G has supplied a list requesting equipment and books. These are wet play equipment, mind games, PE equipment, outdoors equipment for EYFS and Y2, reading books, a bench, a water pump, friendship books and tabards. The total cost is approximately £2700.

These were agreed.

It was felt that in future the PTA would like to have more information in writing about funding requests in advance of meetings. In particular: the cost of individual items, reason for purchase, and a priority order. The PTA would also like the school to feedback to parents about what items the PTA has funded.

## **Financial Report**

The full financial report is available. Currently the PTA balance is in a good position.

## **PTA Cupboard**

It is currently hard to locate PTA stuff, also the current storage is in a classroom and the PTA is keen to minimise disruption to the school. JP to ask school if we can have a different PTA storage area.

## **Future ideas**

Village Table top sale – ‘A Whale of a Sale’ – proposed date Sat 10<sup>th</sup> June.

JP to organise. ER to ask Kate Hatfield if she is willing to help with designing maps.

Clothes Swap/Sale – proposed date March

PC to organise

Talent Show - proposed date 23<sup>rd</sup> September

BE to organise

Film nights at school

JP and ER to look at logistical legal aspects of showing children's films after school.

Sales of food/drinks at sports day

Everyone to think about best plan for this

Summer Fair

PTA to ask Sarah Martin if she is able to organise this again.

Easter Event VB to organise

Supper/Quiz – proposed date April/May. LH to organise

Eco kids – this is no longer profitable– agreed to stop this

Plant Sale – previous plant company has stopped trading – agreed to stop this

### **School Trips**

The PTA currently funds half the cost of trips, with the other half being covered by parents. Often the major part of the cost is coach transport.

The way trips are funded was discussed. The PTA is in a good financial position this year. There may be potential for the PTA to fund more of the cost of trips, possibly covering the whole cost of a certain amount of trips for each class for this year. The PTA felt there may be more cost effective ways of organising school trips – for example more than one class going to the same place. JP to discuss with OG.

### **PTA UK renewal**

This has been done.

### **School Website**

This has been updated, it was felt the children could write something for the website, or use their existing reports, eg from sports events.

### **Other revenue sources**

Gift Aid – ER to look at whether we can claim gift aid and on what

Easyfundraising – let all parents know about this again. ER to ask Mrs Mason to put this in the news letter.

### **Any Other Business**

A parent's ideas/suggestions box is in now in reception. ER to ask Mrs Mason to put this in the newsletter.

PTA logo – JP to ask Kate Hatfield if she will design the PTA a new logo.

WW raised an idea about funding courses/training for the staff, in particular a course on different ways of thinking (cost unknown). It was felt that in principle the PTA is willing to fund

training/skills courses for staff and to think more globally about how to improve the quality of our children's education and school lives. WW will give the details directly to OG.

Teacher Presence at PTA meetings. It was felt that the presence of a member of school staff at PTA meeting was greatly appreciated. Their input is much valued and the PTA is grateful for teachers giving up the valuable time.

It was however felt that it was not appropriate for them to stay during discussion of funding requests as this may hamper debate.

Raising money for other charities – it was raised that it would be positive for the children to raise money for another cause. Perhaps a charity supported by Eyam Church. JP to speak to the church/OG.

Next meeting – after Easter.