

PTFA Meeting Minutes

18th March 2021 - Online via Zoom

Attendees – Julia P, Kate H, Eleanor R, Katherine H, Sophie B, Jess E, Alby A, Louise H, Helen E, Pam C, Oona G, Vikki B.

Apologies - Jayne P

Approval of Minutes – Kate Hadfield

Recent events

Christmas raffle:

£913 was raised which was split with school and the Eyam old folks fund. It was really well received and was a lovely gesture. It was greatly appreciated.

OG - The school received several thank you cards from recipients of the Christmas messages from the children.

Thanks:

Thanks to Eleanor for organising the school uniform reusing scheme.

TO DO: Charity commission - Julia and Katherine to put Eleanor and Jess' names on to this. Still to coordinate when possible.

Chair & Treasurer vacancy:

Alby A has offered to take over as treasurer. JP & KH nominated and seconded. Handover session between the old and new treasurer to be arranged in the near future.

Any interest in the Chair role? We need an action plan to move forward. A job share could be a potential? A suggestion of a rolling chair where different people have a go? Please put forward any suggestions. Much appreciated.

OG - Do we need to somehow advertise that we need a chair otherwise no meeting can officially take place? it has previously been put into the newsletter and on the WhatsApp.

TO DO: we need to put out a request in the newsletter again. OG can we ask around between us again?

Upcoming events:

Easter activities/ fundraising:

Easter trail: Sophie B - proposed a bunny trail/treasure hunt. 50p/ £1 per map similar to pumpkin trail?

Jess E - offered to coordinate. Asking to get children to decorate paper eggs to laminate and put on display. Suggestion to hand out at the end of term to each child so everyone can be involved along with a donation suggestion/bucket again. It was agreed there was no need to offer prizes for treasure hunt - the trail is a good activity in itself.

TO DO: Easter trail egg hunt to be planned - Jess E offered to coordinate.

OG to put in newsletter along with egg decorating competition with Tuesday 30th March hand in and judging date for the egg decorating.

Egg decorating for all children - easter egg prizes were great last year and allergy etc. could be easily managed and arranged as a prize winner. proposed to get entries in for judging on Tuesday 30th March. Julia has asked Sue Grant who is happy to judge. Need time to be able to look at them.

TO DO: Julia to arrange the egg decorating competition. Natalie (Finley's mum) happy to make some entry certificates/ flyers etc for the egg competition.

PTFA Easter activities outdoors could be done in school still potentially in place of the craft. The real eggs were fun. Do we buy eggs? concern over allergy etc? Maybe hold off on this for now and focus on the above easter activities.

Bonnet parade - Jess E - can we get children to make a grown up an easter bonnet for the person collecting on the last day? This would provide something a bit fun and silly for the end of term. Fun parade proposed.

TO DO: JE and LH to get together to formulate a plan. Maybe the kids making the hats in school?

Christmas Disco: June/July still proposed for 'Christmas' disco if we can make it happen.

Outdoors/ forest school type activities later in the year to discuss further down the line. Potential that this will be able to happen.

Social events- idea for future social events and Fundraising:

Picnic/ music - Big school family picnic/ music/ rounders etc when we are allowed. Potential to sell beer and food for fundraising.

Orienteering - OG suggestion to replicate what we did a few years ago? Rachel W organised an orienteering event previously. Can we do as a potential fundraiser to split with the school and the pump track? There is potential to do after school or at a weekend. When it was done before food and drinks were for sale after for extra fundraising. There were 3 different routes last time. Rachel should still have the information so should be easy to get underway? Homemade cake could also be on offer. This could be a potential ideas for next term even with the latest restrictions on groups. People should be able to operate in bigger groups by then. It would be good to involve the wider community and other neighbouring villages and older children who are past pupils of the school also.

TO DO: Julia to speak to Rachel Wright

Bonfire - Any inclination whether it will go ahead? Many of the bonfire team will have left the school. Need to work out now how we can plan for the future. We can't be complacent as it's huge fundraiser for school.

TO DO: Julia to chat to Claire H.

Outdoor entertainment: We could use the school field - thinking about possible outdoor theatre etc. options. Does anyone have any contacts?

Summer - We are thinking about doing some bigger event/fundraising in the summer term. Pam has a marquee if we need. Can we get together a team to help plan summer fundraiser events when allowed. NO BOUNCY CASTLES.....!! An alternative option for the children would be great. A whole day entertainment would be popular for school families and village wide including past families.

Festival - Proposal for a festival style celebration. Music, food and drink.

Other - Is there anything we can do once we are allowed to socialise? Cheese & Wine?

TO DO: Summer fundraising plan in earnest at the next meeting.

Autumn: LH - We need some plans for when we are allowed to be indoors. Dates are looking good for summer socialising outdoors at least. Autumn indoors hopefully so we need to be thinking of some ideas ahead of time.

Head Teachers update:

OG - It's lovely to have the children back if a bit noisy! It's fascinating to see how the children have fared in lockdown and how they have flourished. They are all finding their feet again. We are running extra art and outdoor play to help the transition and getting to know each other again. Mike and Adam are running online worship which enables the children to all see each other which is really lovely.

Lea Green - The are trying to get a date with Lea Green to get an adventure day for Owls. We are struggling to get Hathersage pool to respond.

Stone Age - A visitor was booked and Julia was going to offer some archeology content. Hoping the visitor will come next term.

TO DO: JP to organise artifact box loan for the school for next half term.

Art - The school is trying to have a bigger focus on this area to include more visits and local artist involvement.

School trips: Planning for an end of summer term big trip - possibly a wildlife park or sculpture park. This obviously costs money and more contributions would always be welcome/needed to make this possible.

Treasurers report: Katherine H:

Main balance - £10,020.86

Bonfire balance - £4,437.32

Next meeting date: 29th April.