

**PTFA Meeting Minutes - 18th May 2021 - Eyam School (outside)**

**Attendees** – JP, JP, JE, KH, OG, KH

**Apologies** - Helen, Sophie, Pam, Vikki

**Approval of Minutes** - KH approved

**Recent activities:**

**Easter activities:**

Thanks to Jess for organising the Easter trail.

Thanks to Julia for organising and Natalie for all the help with certificates and the poster. Big thanks to Mrs Grant for the judging of the egg competition!

**Archaeologist's visit** was a success. All the children got involved at school and enjoyed it. Thank you to the PTFA for funding this. Julia is hoping to arrange an archaeology artifacts box for the children to be able to use. **Julia TBC**

**Future events:**

**Bingo** – TBC.

**Summer social;** provisional date Thursday 24th June

Suggestion to hold a social at the Coolstone. A PTFA social maybe including a quiz. Grown-ups only! Suggestion of teams of 6 for the quiz etc. to take into considerations restrictions and maybe encourage people to come as a group.

**Jayne P to speak to George at the Coolstone to discuss.**

**New Parents Introduction / coffee cake**

Suggestion to do a welcome get together for the new parents in school, hedgehog parents and new teddy bear club parents. This would be a lovely opportunity to show a face and welcome new parents and show them the lovely stage area that the PTFA funded. We can give them details of events etc and give them WhatsApp group details etc,

Proposed date - Tuesday 22nd June in the school garden. 2.15pm.

**Mrs Gilbertson to confirm date and time and put into the newsletter.**

**Cakes to be provided from PTFA committee team. NO PEANUTS.**

**Summer (Christmas!) Disco.** - TBC depending on Covid restrictions. Ideally, we would like this to be a whole school event. **Discuss at next meeting.**

**Whole school trip to Yorkshire Wildlife Park** has been booked for the last week of summer term - Tuesday 20th July. OG - Financial support would be welcome as PTFA normally pay half. OG to check prices. Suggestion to make clear to parents that PTFA fundraising contributes for things like this lovely trip and educational visits and consistent fundraising over years has enabled this to be possible. PTFA more than happy to contribute half the cost of this trip.

**Bonfire** - a letter has been received to say the team will be aiming to do what they can with our support to hold future events. They are aiming for an event at the end of '21 if it is at all possible. They emphasised that lots of support from us will be needed if this is to be a fundraising success. The PTFA really appreciates the support from the whole of the bonfire team and will give all the support we can.

**Sculpture** - OG - proposed idea to mark the COVID 'year' and to commission a sculpture for the school. The School is encouraging more art-based activities as part of the curriculum. Hannah Bennett (y6 parent and local sculptor) is willing to create a piece based on children's poses to sit with the water feature in the garden as a reflective piece. OG proposed that the Y6 leavers could make a smaller piece to keep as part of this project and as a memento from their time at school. This Links well to the curriculum and would be a nice touch to finish a challenging year.

Discussion on how to raise funds to pay for this. HB sculpture garden is a really valuable local resource. Rough idea of cost is about £1,200.

Could we use the social event to help towards this? Can we get the rest of the children to do their own (standard school clay) models to participate as well as Y6? Time is key as will need to happen after half term.

Class visits and workshops would be good to do as a regular annual event with Hannah.

Suggestion of a plaque or similar to explain - burn poetry / passage into wood for a nice effect. **Julia and Kate could help if needed?**

Consensus from the meeting is that we are very happy to use funds to support the above.

#### **Orienteering event:**

Orienteering event plan in progress.

Claire W, Katherine H, Julia and Rachel Wright are organising an orienteering event with plans to share the funds between the pump track and PTFA.

Proposed date - 12th June

It has already been sent to be mentioned in the village magazine. **Natalie C has been asked to help to sort a poster.**

Refreshments - Shall we ask for traybakes (NO PEANUTS) as these may be easier to deal with in terms of COVID friendly. **Jess E to help coordinate bakes and fruit.** Ask people to volunteer to bring in traybakes, Squash and coffee/tea for the day before the event? BYO CUPS for free drinks?

**Julia P to Share details** to message groups.

**Jayne P to ask Aaron/SA for the pavilion.** 10.30-12.30pm on 12th June.

Discussion to include some sort of prepaid entry if possible?

#### **Financial report –**

£9807.64 Main Account

£4442.40 Bonfire Account

Charity commission - Katherine H has sorted the paperwork. Thank you.

Bank contacts - this has now been sorted. The school address is now on the record instead of personal addresses. JP now has a new card. We have not yet received a letter to put Albie on the account yet. **Julia to chase.**

**KH to meet with Alby to pass on the accounts.**

#### **Any other business:**

**WhatsApp:** Are new parents on our WhatsApp? They have been asked and are aware. We need to let anyone know who would like to join that it is a useful resource and open to all. Can be mentioned at the

welcome coffee / cake get together. **Everyone is admin, so please do add other friends from school if they are happy going on it.**

#### **Group messages:**

Do we need additional WhatsApp groups for other business? Agreed that the PTFA Committee one already serves a purpose and that the Current group is good because it is open to all. More specific groups can be formed from this if needed.

#### **Contactless payments:**

Do we need a contactless payment system? Worth looking into? Cashless system to look in to in future? **Is anyone able to find out about this for us?**

**CCTV** - There is a feeling that a lot of people would be happy to contribute to some sort of system, particularly with recent vandalism. OG has concerns with 24 hr loop and potentially lost info over a weekend. LH has a system which keeps the surveillance info on a cloud.

JE - there is a real need/ desire for CCTV. LH has a recommendation for someone who has fitted one recently and has an idea of cost. OG - interested to explore the idea at a later date.

Potentially we only need 2 and on only overnight (not on in school hours). Maybe we can get a deal for a smaller set up or educational purpose?

**LH to give OG details about her system.**

**Discuss at next meeting.**

#### **PTFA Engagement:**

How do we engage more/new parents in joining and helping with the PTFA? How do we get more engagement to join PTFA?

Social event to get more visibility of PTFA. Pizza / curry? Disco with PTFA meeting alongside? See above proposed events. **Any plans and ideas welcome.**

**Alternative carnival plans** - The Current Carnival Committee are retiring. Alternative Village celebrations are being proposed for this year due to the carnival being cancelled. We are happy to support however possible but aware that plans need to be kept low key in regard to restrictions. We are aware that a suggestion has been made to split money raised between Sports association and PTFA. There is nervousness about stepping on the toes of bonfire committee etc. and therefore out of respect we would probably need to keep the PTFA out of the proposed new event in terms of benefitting from fundraising. **We are happy to support and help raise money for the Sports Association.**

**Mud kitchen refresh** - There has been a kind offer of help to help fix mud kitchen from a family in the summer.

#### **Chair vacancy:**

No progress on chair vacancy. Julia handing in notice at the end of this term. There will be No chair for next AGM which is in the autumn date. New people really needed for all roles. We need to make it clear no one must be a chair for more than 2 years.

#### **Next meeting:**

Proposed date for next meeting - Wednesday 7th July? Potential for meeting at the Miners Arms in Eyam (can we arrange to get some chips?) **JE to ask?**