

PTFA Meeting
Friday 6th October, 2023 @ 09:00

Thanks to everyone who came along. This is a brief summary of our meeting.

1. Attending:

Vanessa Germond, Emma Botfield, Clare Burley, Hassina Ahad and Carole Pielichaty

Apologies – Siân Murphy, Sandee Poon, Rashmi Walsh, Celine Magee and Joyce Bailey

2. Finance

Our finances are in a good state. Our opening balance for September 2023 is £12,632.20.

Aggie gave a printed finance report.

The Christmas Fair grossed £2,839.50

The Summer Fair made £883.50.

We have made £949.94 on Jumblebee on our online auctions.

Rowan Bailey raised £952.01 for the school library with his justgiving page when he ran in the Kingston marathon.

We agreed to continue funding our PTFA insurance (£140 per year); the Tucasi school texts ((£700) and a £150 contribution to each class (£1,350). We will also contribute towards the Yr 6 leavers' hoodies.

We have been requested to finance a mural in the hall; new dictionaries and thesauruses for Year 6 and to contribute towards the upgrading of the trim trail in the playground.

Also to provide pizza and squash for the Stem day on 13th October.

3. Particular Wins

We have entered into a partnership with Beauty Base who will be providing hygiene products for our foodbank store.

Our Yr 6 have been giving house points in a competition with the Terracycle red bins where pupils recycle laundry products.

The film night during the first week of term raised £350. This will be a regular feature each term in the first week before clubs start.

4. Future ideas

Vanessa suggested a scarecrow trail during October half term. Small businesses could be encouraged to sponsor a scarecrow (suggested £20 per picture) and they will be displayed in local families' front windows. There will be no charge for entering and one prize for a winning entry (suggested a £10 Amazon voucher).

5. Class reps

We still need a rep for Acorns and Nursery

Reception – Emma Botfield

Year 1 – Celine Magee

Year 2 – Abi Davies & Lona Hoxha

Year 3 – Hannah Caple

Year 4 – Ekta Bhogal

Year 5 – Natalie Freeman

Year 6 – Clare Burley

6. Christmas Fair – Friday 8th December

We have purchased plastic tokens which will replace cash at the Christmas Fair. Each token will be worth £1 and they will be on sale during November in the playground and on the day of the fair. Parents can buy as many as they want and sell any unused ones back at the end of the fair. The advantage is that there will not be lots of counting money at the end and children will be able to run stalls without having to handle cash.

We would like a good face painter – Emma will contact Taylormade as they supplied a brilliant face painter at the summer fair.

Vanessa will look into hiring a bouncy Snowglobe castle with a company who will set it up and take it away and be covered with public liability insurance.

Santa's grotto will be bookable in advance online through Jumblebee and will cost £3. Parents will be asked to wrap up selection boxes in advance.

We decided against having Christmas Trees on sale as the cost is prohibitive and many families enjoy choosing their own tree with their children.

7. AOB

Carole mentioned the pots of jam left over from July when the children made mixed fruit jam with Mrs Palmer. It was agreed to sell these for £2 each at the Harvest Service. Parents to be reminded nearer the time.

Second-hand uniform sale to be a regular feature in the main playground – volunteers needed to sell this under the guidance of Ekta Bhogal.

The meeting closed at 10.05am.

Date of next meeting – tba