



# Friends of Mereside PTA

## PTA newsletter 11/09/14

**Present:** Mrs Holmes, Mrs Brown, Amy Jackman, Kerry L-G, Sue Barrett, Ester Griffiths, Helen Stubbs, Sarah Searle, Clare Gwilt, Cheryl Walker.

**Apologies:** Cheryl Hare, Mel Clewes, Amanda Mitchell.

### AGM news

- Amy Jackman to step-down as chair from PTA committee. The PTA would like to thank her for all her hard work and efforts as chair; she will be missed in this role.
- Mrs Holmes to request any interest in this post in the newsletter tomorrow.
- Kerry Lucas-Garner is happy to continue as secretary, but equally happy to pass the role on if anyone else would like to do it.
- Mrs Brown is happy to continue as treasurer.
- Current PTA balance is £3279.04. Panto money still to come out of this.
- Trundle raised just under £1000 therefore we will aim to do one sponsored event/year.
- Bag-to-school – still awaiting cheque from June
- Mrs Mitchell to have £100 for more waterproofs for forest school

### Car Boot Sale

- Sat 20<sup>th</sup> September 9 -12
- Cars can arrive from 8.30am.
- Surestart kitchen to be used for refreshments (drinks & bacon sandwiches)
- Advertised in the admag for next two weeks (£38.40)
- Currently only 8 bookings

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## Disco Fri 17<sup>th</sup> October

- New disco arrangement to be tried.
- Ticket to be purchased prior to disco at cost of £2.50. Ticket price to include “meal deal” of hot dog (or pizza?), a drink & a pudding (e.g. cake or biscuit)
- KS1 4 -5pm. Children can then bring up to £1 additional money to spend on tattoos & glosticks
- KS2 5.30 – 6.45pm. Children can also bring additional money to spend on tattoos, glosticks & snacks

## Come Casual

- Due to lack of donations for children to wear casual clothes on Come Casual days, it has been decided to discontinue the regular come casual days at the end of term. One off Come Casual days may be held for specific fundraising events – e.g. donations for hampers or raffle prizes.
- The cake sales will continue to go ahead; the next one will be Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> October, with requests for year 6 & year 1 to provide cakes.

## Christmas Fundraisers

- Amy to enquire regarding Webb Ivory catalogues
- Chocolate bars were popular last year, therefore may be try this again
- Christmas Fair – Fri 5<sup>th</sup> December – to be confirmed

## Other matters

- Discussed possibility of doing recipe book – maybe doing in-house to save on production costs. Possibly aim to do for spring.
- Feedback from PTA survey carried out last term – less than 30 respondents. Of these, the majority expressed that they would rather have PTA funds spent on items/equipment rather than school trips.
- One parent is a qualified fitness instructor & has offered to do a dance party or zumbathon type activity as a fundraiser. Mrs Brown to discuss this further.

***Next meeting – Thursday 13th November 8pm @ The Darwin, all welcome.***

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