



Friends of Mereside PTA

PTA meeting 29/02/16

Present:

Mrs Holmes, Mrs Brown, Sarah Searle, Kerry L-G, Zara Bowden, Alison James, Anne Hogg, Jodie BB, Emma Jones, Sam Oakley, Kim Breeze, Jade Jones, Claire Hole.

Apologies:

Julia Boyd, Suzanne Heavens, Helen Bennett-Adams, Liz Watson, Steph Meek.

Minutes & matters arising from the last meeting:

- Easy fundraising – reminder message has gone out & total now increased to £19.42
- Crisp sale went ahead – approx. £20 raised.
- Alison has purchased bottle bags for water-to-wine stall.

Usborne Sponsored read:

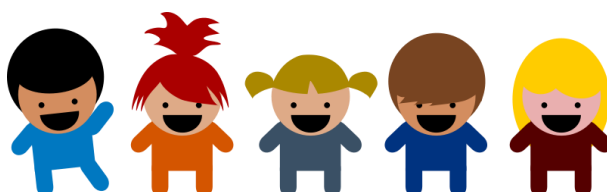
- 57 children entered, raising a fantastic £1121.50 worth of books for the school. Further money will be raised at the book fair tomorrow.
- Certificates will be given to each class.
- Mrs Holmes has donated prizes for KS1 & 2 for the most time spent reading & the most money raised.
- Jade has donated prizes for the classes which read the most (squirrels & hedgehogs).

Easter Bingo:

- Friday 18/3/16 5.30pm.
- Mrs Holmes to send information letter regarding the bingo and to request donations of eggs/Easter prizes; Mr Carr & Mr Gathercole to be asked to be bingo callers again.
- Squash & biscuits for children will be included in ticket price; tea/coffee will be on sale for parents.
- Sarah to message for helpers nearer the time.

Christmas Panto 2016:

- Following previous discussions, Mrs Holmes looked into booking the panto at Theatre Severn for this year, however they were unable to offer sufficient seats on suitable dates, on this occasion. For 2016, the in-school live theatre group will be performing, which had great feedback across all year groups last year.
- Theatre Severn panto will be booked for 2017 as soon as booking opens.
- Discussed having the Theatre Severn trip every other year, assuming that there are sufficient PTA funds in order to be able to offer the trip to all. A voluntary contribution will be asked for.
- Mrs Holmes to send out letter regarding contributions to school trips.





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Jade school jumpers:

- Discussed possibility of using old jade jumpers to make large & small cushions for use in assembly.
- Letter to go out in summer term for donations of jumpers for the autumn term.

Future fundraising:

- Discussed Bags-for-life with school log on, however the prices were quite high for this. Possibly look into do personalised bags prior to Christmas, as it was felt that parents may be more likely to purchase personalised items.
- Thurs 26th May – Disco
(3.45 – 4.45pm Reception & KS1; 5 – 6pm KS2; 6.15 – 7.15pm Year 6)
- Friday 17th June am - Sponsored Trundle.
- Saturday 2nd July - Summer Fair
- Friday 22nd July - non-uniform day
- Ice cream Friday to restart after Easter; discussed possibility of having ice cream stand in KS2 playground also.
- Monday 16th May - Bag to school
- Sports day – date to be confirmed. Discussed selling refreshments to parents.
- Summer concert – date to be confirmed. Discussed selling refreshments to parents.
- African Choir – one date still available in November. Children learn songs, play instruments & try out crafts & then a concert is held in the evening. Jade to look into this.

New ideas:

- Cinema night (to look into licence details)
- Fashion show
- Zumbathon
- Summer event – Claire & Jade to look into bands or Zara happy to do disco. Discussed BBQ & Pimms or similar. Need to check tickets numbers for fire regs & licence requirements. Possible dates: Fri 8th or 15th July.

AOB:

- Feedback from ice cream money raised: As the Hudl tablets have been discontinued, school will be providing each class with 3 tablets via school funds. This now frees up the ice cream money (~ £600/£700) to be used for something else – possibly to help fund the traversing wall or for cameras.
- Mrs Brown has requested a donation from the PTA of £2/child for those children in Hedgehogs, Squirrels and half of Robins. This is to fund a trip to Percy Throwers.

Next Meeting: Tuesday 3rd May 7.30pm, The Darwin.

