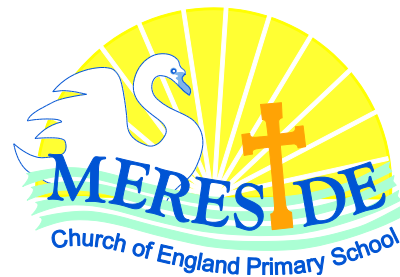




# Friends of Mereside PTA



## Friends of Mereside PTA Meeting held on Tuesday 24th April 2018 At The Charles Darwin 8pm

### **In attendance:**

Sarah Searle – Chair of the PTA, Mrs Holmes – Head Teacher, Mrs Brown – Treasurer, Anne Hogg, Heather Jolly (taking the minutes), Jodie Braddock-Bould, Helen Bennett- Adams, Kerry Ruberry

### **Apologies**

Charlotte Barker, Kim Breeze, Suzanne Heavens, Samantha Oakley, Zara Bowden

### **Minutes and Matters Arising from the last meeting**

We have received a cheque from Easy Fundraising for monies received up and until December 2017 for the amount of £60.23.

The Easter Bingo was hailed a great success with lots of monies raised but also a great night had by all. The total raised from ticket sales & refreshments on the night totalled £ 335.49.

Mereside's Got Talent was a great success, lots of amazing pupils took part and there were lots of monies raised by the pupils and their parents/ carers/ friends and families for Cancer Research. Sarah thanked Helen and Heather for serving the refreshments at the interval.

The store cupboard key which had been misplaced has now been found.

The old jade green jumpers which had been in the PTA cupboard have now been forwarded to Mrs Holmes who will now make contact with the Woman's Institute who will make use of the materials.

Sarah stated that she had sent out an advert for new members and a list of all up and coming PTA events.

The PTA cupboard was emptied and items sorted through in order to see what stock we had for the forthcoming events. Sarah thanked Helen and Kim Davies (not present) for helping her with this, many items were sent to charity.

### **Financial**

Balance as of the 9th April was £8559.05

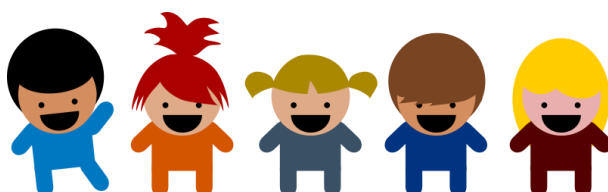
A further cheque has been written to pay for forest school equipment, instruments and ukulele tuition: £1664.28.

In addition a payment has been banked from the monies raised at the Easter Bingo £355.49.

### **Future Events**

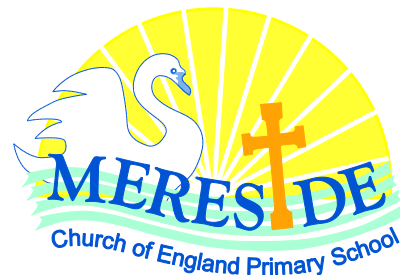
The school have signed up to take part in the Shrewsbury Half Marathon which will take place on Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> June. At the previous meeting we had arranged to hold a car boot/ clothes sale at the school on Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> however due to the number of families going to attend the event the PTA have decided to re- arrange the PTA event. A provisional date of Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> September has been pencilled in the diary. Sarah is to contact the office to inform them and they will issue an amendment in the weekly newsletter and also via Parentmail.

**Bags2School** will be delayed until the next term as we have planned to hold it after the car boot/clothing sale.





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## School Disco: Friday 18<sup>th</sup> May 2018

The key stage 1 disco timings: 3:45-4:45

The Key stage 2 disco timings: 5pm-6pm

Year 6 have been invited to attend the key stage 2 disco as well as having their own event later on in the term.

The spending limits for the pupils attending the disco will remain the same: KS1 children will be allowed to bring a maximum of £1, KS2 pupils have no limit.

Zara has offered to run the Key stage1 disco and this has been agreed. Zara has also offered to run the Key stage 2 disco, however Mrs Holmes will speak to Mr Gathercole and Mr & Mrs Carr as they have previously taken charge of this. Mrs Holmes will update Sarah as soon as contact has been made.

Due to how time consuming the sending out of tickets takes and also not everyone remembers to bring them on the night of the event we have decided to not issue tickets this time. We will still continue to take names and details, a list will be compiled and on the night Mrs Holmes has agreed to tick everyone off on the list as they arrive.

As with previous discos the cost will be £2.50 per person and this will include a slice of pizza, cake/biscuit and a drink.

We currently have bottles of flavoured water, bottles of squash, bags of popcorn, biscuits and sweets in stock. We have tattoos, glow sticks and nail varnishes in the PTA cupboard also.

Items to be purchased for the discos: Pizzas, plastic cups, additional funsize sweets, crisps and cakes. The pupils will be asked for cake donations prior to the event.

Sarah will ask Suzanne if she could search for stick on earrings for the children to purchase.

Jodie has offered to purchase the pizzas once the numbers have been confirmed.

Helen has offered to visit Farmfoods to obtain a voucher to purchase additional stock.

Suzanne has already devised a poster for the event.

Sarah will compile a disco letter and issue to the school who will then distribute throughout the school.

## Ice Cream Friday

This has been such a successful event and profitable one for the PTA and most importantly the children look forward to ice creams on a Friday.

We have previously had issues when we have not had enough PTA members to man the ice cream stalls on both KS 1 & the KS2 playgrounds so we discussed how we could address this. One option was that we relocate the stall to the triangle area outside of the schools reception and have only 1 location. Additionally it was proposed that we compile a rota with the PTA members who can attend. Jodie suggested that she could be available to set up the table ready for the PTA members to sell the ice creams from 3:25pm.

Mrs Holmes is going to speak to Amy within the kitchen to ask what freezer space we can use in order to have a constant stock pile at the school.

The proposed start date is after the half term break. Sarah will contact all PTA members to ask who is available to be on a rota. Once volunteer numbers are known a final decision whether to sell can be made.

## Sports Week – week commencing 25<sup>th</sup> June 2018

The sports days have been confirmed (weather permitting):

KS1 Monday 25<sup>th</sup> June AM

KS2 Monday 25<sup>th</sup> June PM





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EYFS sports day – Mrs Holmes to confirm the date with Mrs Harper

On previous years the PTA have purchased ice pops/ ice lollies for the pupils. Sarah will discuss this further with Mrs Holmes closer to the event.

There will be a sponsored event during this sports week. Mrs Holmes will speak to Sarah to update once all of the information is in place.

There will be a mini world cup being held during the sports week with the final taking place at the PTA Summer Fair in July.

In addition to the above events taking place there will also be a series of “Try it” Events which will be a number of different sports which the children may have never played or even heard of. Mrs Holmes will update Sarah with regards to the events and confirm whether the PTA are required to attend or provide anything for the events.

## **Summer Fair – Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> July**

This has been such a successful event in previous years with especially the success of the 2017 fair which raised a phenomenal amount.

Suzanne has designed an initial draft of a posters to be displayed in and around the school and she will advertise on social media. She has agreed prior to the meeting to locate stall holders for the event.

The stall holders price will remain at £10per stall and Suzanne will be issuing the stallholders forms to those who are expressing an interest.

Suzanne is currently designing artwork which will be for the new banners which the PTA hope to purchase. These banners will be able to be used at future Summer Fairs.

PTA stalls:

Pocket money stall – using all pocket money stock we have in the PTA cupboard.

BBQ which will be serving bacon & sausage baps – Jodie has agreed to price up and speak with the butchers.

Tombola

Bric-a-brac

Sweets n treats including home baking

Go Karts – Sarah has the form to complete and return to have them attend the Summer Fair.

Disco Tent – Zara will provide the tent and the entertainment.

Colouring competition for the kids with the winning entry to be judged by Mrs Holmes.

Treasure hunt

Mini World Cup Final to be played.

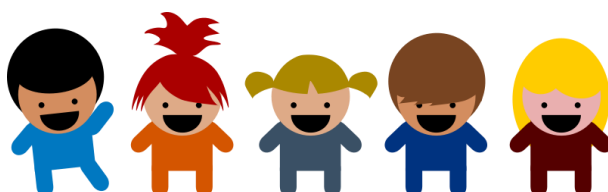
Bouncy castle – Jodie to enquire as to costs & insurance for this to take place.

Shrewsbury Town In the Community – Mrs Holmes will approach Mr Hignett to see if this can be arranged.

Face Painting – Helen is going to ask her niece as she attended last year and it was a great hit with the children.

Emergency services - Fire Engine - Heather to enquire as to who we need to contact to have the firefighters and an appliance at the school.

Police/ CSO – Heather to enquire





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Ambulance service / cadets – Anne to enquire

The raffle was a huge success with fantastic prizes at the last event. Samantha, Kim and Charlotte have agreed to take this one again. PTA members have all been asked to assist with the asking / collecting of donations.

Mrs Holmes is looking to order large wooden blocks for the infant playground to assist with development and play. They are large enough that when constructed the children can hide inside and play in the structures. These cost in the region of £2000.00 and we are hoping that the monies raised from the Summer Fair can be used to purchase these.

## Future spendings

After the previous meeting an email was compiled with regards to possible suggestions on what the PTA monies could be used for as the balance.

Currently Ukulele lessons are for year 3 only. The children love taking part in this and a suggestion for this was to increase the lessons to include year 4 pupils. The current costs for the Ukulele lessons are £781 for 11 weeks tuition and this is fully funded by the PTA. In order to make this happen we would require to increase the hours for the tuition. Mrs Holmes will make contact and will inform the PTA in due course.

## Leavers Hoodies

The year 6 have the opportunity to purchase a leavers top. It was discussed within the PTA if they should fund or contribute towards the cost of the hoodies. It was discussed that it could be a costly item to pay for as future year 6's are only going to increase in size. However with the increase in pupils this could possibly mean an increase in PTA members and an increase in monies raised at fundraising events. This will be discussed again at the next meeting once costs have been investigated.

## First Aid Classes

Mrs Holmes agrees that this is a very worthwhile and much needed skill for all children to have. It was discussed that St Johns Ambulance and The Red Cross would be the companies to approach. Mrs Holmes and the school will look into this and inform the PTA of any developments.

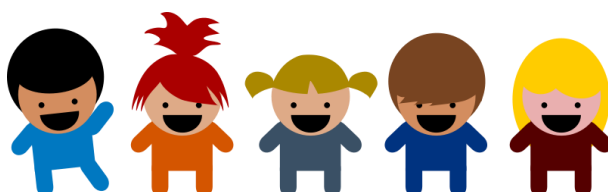
**The Travelling Theatre** will be visiting the school this year and this is already in motion.

## Sallys Playground

Mrs Mitchell and others have been working on this very hard and it's nearing completion. Mrs Mitchell has approached Mrs Holmes to see if the PTA can fund for some compost to be ordered and some planters to be purchased. The PTA were in agreement to cover these costs.

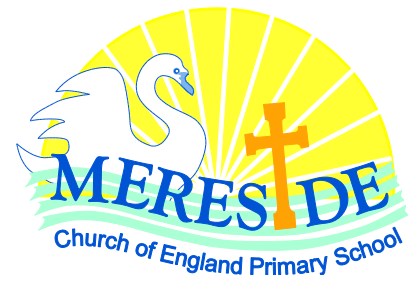
## Playground outside of Badgers & Otters

Mrs Holmes has asked if the PTA are willing to pay for picnic benches to go under the canopies which would allow the children additional outside space and an area where children can congregate in the shade. The PTA members present agreed to this request.





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## Eco club

The school Eco Club have received a grant of £450.00 which they have put towards purchasing new recycling units for the school. The cost for these however was £614.35, leaving a shortfall of £164.35 and therefore they have approached the PTA to ask if we can pay the shortfall. The PTA agreed to fund this for the Eco Club. We have suggested that we could use these at the school discos and fairs to recycle as much of our waste from these as possible.

## Lucky Numbers for 2018/2019

Letters will be sent home to parents prior to school breaking up for the summer holidays. Additional flyers are to be designed and issued to the new intake of children at the June welcome meeting. Helen has agreed to construct the letters and the compiling of the numbers.

## Next PTA meeting:

**Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> June 2018 at 8pm, Charles Darwin**  
**Everyone is welcome to attend.**

