



Friends of Mereside PTA



Friends of Mereside PTA Meeting held on Tuesday 5th June 2018 At The Charles Darwin 8pm

In attendance:

Sarah Searle – Chair of the PTA, Mrs Holmes – Head Teacher, Mrs Brown – Treasurer, Heather Jolly (taking the minutes), Alison James, Anne Hogg, Kim Breeze, Samantha Oakley, Kerry Ruberry, Charlotte Barker

Apologies

Zara Bowden, Helen Bennett- Adams, Jodie Braddock-Bould, Suzanne Heavens, Kelly Loughnane

Minutes and Matters Arising from the last meeting

The recent disco was a very successful night raising a fantastic £587.37. The children all loved the night and it was hailed as a great success. The expenses from the event were £245.33. On the night we raised £286.20 from the individual stalls. The detailed amounts are listed below:

£137.00 Cakes & sweets
£21.75 Earrings
£46.10 Tattoos
£22.60 Nail painting
£30.20 Glow sticks
£28.25 Football stickers

The PTA held a cake sale on the last day of the half term as there were a number of cakes and biscuits which had a short best before date on them. We raised £17.30 from the sale.

Year 6 leavers:

We discussed possible options on what the PTA could do for the leavers. Suggestions were made that we perhaps contribute to the leavers hoodies however upon Sarah Searle speaking to Mrs Thomas it was suggested that we could buy leavers books for the pupils. Mrs Thomas made these for the pupils last year however she is looking at having them made this year. Mrs Thomas is still looking into this and will discuss with Sarah when she has more information on costs.

A date was given for the year 6 disco of the 6th July however Mrs Holmes has discussed that this date may change as there is another event on this same night where other teachers and herself are in attendance at. They have not yet decided on their theme or what food and beverages they are looking to have on the night. This information will be passed onto Sarah Searle when the decisions have been made.

Sponsored Event- Trundle

Mrs Holmes and the school will be looking for volunteers throughout the school to assist with the counting of the laps carried out by the children. A date of Wednesday 27th June has been written in the diary for the event. The PTA will provide the children with cups of squash and biscuits. The school will be sending home letters to pupils on Friday.





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Ukulele Lessons

It was discussed at the last meeting that as the children are enjoying the ukulele lessons that perhaps we increase the lesson hours and included year 4 as well as year 3. Currently we spend £781.00 and to include an additional year group this cost would increase to £1171.50. The go ahead has been given and the arrangement will be put in place for the next school term.

Sports Day

The PTA have agreed to purchase ice pops for all of the children.

First Aid Courses

No further information on this as of yet.

New Parents

A new parents meeting was held on Tuesday 5th June. They were all issued a letter from the PTA asking for new members, a copy of the lucky numbers letter and information on the school summer fair.

Financial

No financial update

Lucky Numbers

Helen has been working extremely hard on this already as the plan is to issue the letters prior to the end of the term to generate as much interest as possible. A letter has been issued to the new parents and a reminder letter will be issued upon the return to school in September to all. Mrs Holmes has also suggested that these forms are made available at the school fair and that she is happy to promote lucky numbers to all who enter the fair. Sarah will discuss this with Helen as additional forms will be required to be printed off.

Raffle & Lottery Return

The PTA are required to complete a return form to the council with regards to the monies raised on the lucky numbers and the raffle too. We need to chase this form as its not been received by the PTA and therefore has not been completed. We also need to ensure that the license is up to date and with the correct licensee details on it .

Ice Cream Friday

We will be selling the ice creams every Friday from now until the end of the term with the exception of Friday 13th July. Amy has confirmed that there is space in the freezer to store the ice cream from week to week. Sarah has placed posters in all of the classrooms today and a Parent Mail will be sent during the week to all parents. There will be a rota system with PTA members Kerry, Alison & Sarah selling the ice creams this week. Trialling out a new location of outside the reception area as we don't have enough PTA members to sell ice creams on both playgrounds. If this location doesn't work then we have a rethink.





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Summer Fair

The Summer Fair is quickly approaching. Posters have been placed in all of the classrooms today, additional posters were handed out at the meeting to be placed in local shops/ community centres etc as soon as possible. Kerry has very kindly printed off flyers to be distributed around houses in the area.

Suzanne has ordered reusable banners for both the summer & Christmas fair and these will be in place on the gates very shortly.

The PTA have asked if they can gain access to the sports hall on the Friday to allow the PTA to set up this room. Heather is to approach Surestart to ensure that they are fully aware of the fair and to ask that they place all toys etc out of the way. We will gain access to the room as soon as the room is vacated which will be around 12:30pm.

Stall holders/ stalls at the fair:

Sinead McTaggart – Cadets: They will have a gazebo set up with memory games set up inside. They have asked if they can have access to a wooded area to cook ration packs. Mrs Holmes will look into this as to whether this could be carried out as they will require to have certain certifications.

Bouncy Castle: Shropshire inflatables have provided us with a bouncy castle at a reduced rate of £25.00. It was discussed that perhaps we have an additional bouncy castle.

Shrewsbury In the Community: Mrs Holmes have confirmed that they will be in attendance again this year. Lenny the Lion, the Shrewsbury Town mascot may be in attendance.

Go Karts: We have received & returned all of the paperwork. They will be charging £2.50 per child and they will give the PTA 20% of the profits.

Police & Fire Service: They have both confirmed that they will be in attendance. The fire service will require to be on a hard standing surface and may need access to an exit in the event of an emergency call out. The police service will provide a car and possibly a stand similar to the previous year.

Ambulance Service: They have confirmed that they will be in attendance.

School Football Final: The children have been given the option to take part in a school football tournament and the final will take place at the Summer Fair.

Archery

Sarah had contacted an outdoors company and they were going to provide a raffle prize as well as doing some archery with the children at the fair. Sarah is still chasing this to ask for further information.

Mrs Holmes has suggested that we use the schools archery set if this company are unable to attend.





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The Slushstop: They will provide a percentage of the profits to the PTA at the end of the event.

Liza: Glitter tattoos: A form has been issued but hasn't been returned as of yet.

Ice cream Van - Contact has been made by Sarah and they will be in attendance.

Bronwens Art Studio: A form has been sent and she has confirmed that she will attend and possibly carry out a craft such as slime at the event.

We have no additional external stallholders and this has raised concerns within the PTA. Sarah will ask Suzanne for a copy of the letter she has been sending to the people who have raised interest in having a stall as we think that perhaps the £5million public liability is putting people off. It was discussed that perhaps we contact the people who have made enquiries. Suzanne has already made contact with everyone who was at the Christmas fair.

Raffle & raffle Prizes: Samantha has confirmed that the tickets are in hand and they only need a couple of the prizes to be placed on the tickets then they are ready to be printed. They will endeavour to get these printed and collated into family groups as soon as possible. Raffle prizes have been requested by several members of the PTA. Sarah is to send another copy of the raffle prize donation letter to Samantha to allow for more prizes to be requested from Samantha, Kim & Charlotte. We are aiming for the raffle tickets to go out on the 29th June. Mrs Homes is more than happy to meet and greet those entering the fair and to assist with raffle.

PTA Stalls:

Wine to Water – this is always a popular stall however we do rely heavily on donations to ensure this is profitable.

Cake, sweets & popcorn – serving tea, coffee & squash.

Hook a duck

Tombola & teddy tombola - The children love the teddy tombola and has proven to be popular.

Bric-a-brac

£1 in a bucket

Second hand uniform

Treasure hunt – Mrs Holmes believes Mrs Mitchell may have done one of these and we need to speak to her.

Facepainting – Helens niece has been approached to do this but can't commit at the moment. Failing this the cadets have offered to do this.

Sportswear/ dancewear table – donations would be required

BBQ- This has been cleaned and is ready to go. We will be serving bacon sandwiches and sausages in hot dog rolls. Jodie is has agreed to order and purchase all of the items from the butchers. A shopping list is process for the additional items such as ketchup/ plate etc.

Disco Tent: Zara has suggested that they place timings up and they charge £1 for 15 minutes in the dance tent. Zara has all of the equipment, gazebo, lights and music etc however she will require access to a power supply. Possible suggestions were mentioned as to where it could be constructed.





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Future events

Year 6 leavers disco – A date was given to Sarah from one of the teachers however Mrs Holmes has informed us that this date clashes with another event at the school and therefore there would be an issue with staffing the event. They have decided that they would like to host the event at the school however no theme has been arranged nor have they decided on their food menu. Once this has been arranged they will pass the list to the PTA to allow them to purchase the required items. Mrs Holmes has suggested a possible date of the 29th June. They would require helpers at the event from the PTA.

New parents meeting – 10th July 2-3pm

Mrs Holmes has asked if there any PTA members who can attend to promote the PTA and also to represent the school. Charlotte, Kim & Alison have offered to help. Mrs Holmes has asked Amy to make cakes for the event. We may need to purchase additional cakes however we will be kept informed.

We will sell a small selection of second hand uniform at the meeting and also any preschool books.

The uniform costs are £1 for non logo clothing and £2 for logo clothing.

Clothing & carboot sale – 22nd September

Cinema night – 12th October

EYFS/ KS1 + KS2 disco – 9th November

Curry & quiz night for all parents/ carers etc. Mrs Holmes suggested that perhaps Amy could make the curries as she is very interested in taking part in the events.

Possible valentines ball at Shrewsbury Town Football Ground. Samantha is to price this up to see if it would be possible. Samantha to keep Sarah informed.

We will do either one of these events.

Christmas Fair – Friday 7th December

Christmas Fundraisers

Last year the PTA spent a lot of time in the classrooms with the pupils to paint pictures which were then produced onto Christmas cards. There was not a successful amount of people purchasing these due to the costs of the items. We did receive a percentage of the sales approx £99 which was a welcomed amount however there was a lot of hard work and effort put into these. We discussed the possibility of doing tea towels for this Christmas. This is a project that Mrs Holmes was willing to carry out within this school and will not necessarily be a Christmas craft. This will hopefully encourage more people to purchase and will appeal to all within the school.

World Book Day & sponsored read – March

Alison James to organise the sponsored read with Cathy.





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Any other business

It had been brought to our attention that the bike racks in the infants playground are constantly full and parents have requested an additional rail to be installed. Mrs Holmes has suggested that Bob will monitor this during the week and if they are still there at the end of the week then they will be moved to the end of the bike rails and a note will be placed on them to encourage them to be collected.

Half Marathon Training

The children and the teachers are thoroughly enjoying running each week and they children are very much looking forward to the main event on Saturday 16th June. Mrs Holmes has yet to receive any further information for the event. As soon as information is received this will be forwarded onto all parents and pupils. The school has 70 children taking part which is a phenomenal amount.

Carboot letters to be prepared and sent out to pupils prior to the school breaking up for the summer holidays.

There will be no formal PTA meeting next month however a meeting will take place to discuss the details of the summer fair and this will take place on Tuesday 26th June at 8pm, Charles Darwin.

Sarah to arrange ice cream Friday floats with Mrs Brown.

Date of next meeting

Tuesday 11th September at 8pm, Charles Darwin.

