

PTA meeting

Date: 1st May 2019

Time: 8:45am

Venue: Buckingham Park Primary School.

Present – as listed on signing in sheet

Carys Dorritt(CD) (chair) welcomed everyone to the meeting. Introductions were made to new members.

Minutes: Sarah Dearman

Forthcoming events this term

Lolly Friday

World Fair

Film night

Sports Week

Community café

Lolly Friday

Vicky Smith(VS) has kindly organised this event. Commencing on the 3rd of May and running every 3 weeks. Lollies will be on sale on the school playground for 50p. Products are dairy and nut free.

Community café

Following the success of the last community café, another one is scheduled in June. At the last one £150 was taken and everyone commented on how well it ran. It was good to see members of the local community present, as well as people with links to the school. Any leftover cakes were sold after school and a further £60 was made.

Spending

CD has met with Mr Waldron to discuss what the school would like to spend money on. There have been several suggestions:

- Purchase branded school tracksuits (via PL Sportswear) and buy a feather stand to be used at inter-schools sports events.
- Revamp the pond area in school. This would be done with the guidance of a parent who specialises in this.
- Buy more reading books for free-readers. Currently it is felt that there is a gap in books suitable for different aged children who have reached the end of the reading scheme. A range of genres and age appropriate books are needed.

- NW would like to develop the music curriculum in school. He would like to purchase class sets of instruments for the children. He would also like to provide opportunities for external specialists to come in and run one-off sessions

The PTA feels that it is beneficial to make parents aware of what money is being raised for, therefore this needs to be made explicit when promoting events.

New starters 2019

All new parents (both in reception and those who have children joining further up the school) should be given literature relating to the PTA in their welcome packs. CD will be available to promote the PTA at the new parents meeting. VS to support.

Word Fair

Lots of exciting activities have been organised.

- Inflatables and rides
- Zorbs
- Medical detection dogs
- Reptile zoo
- Police
- Street association
- The Works
- S and S street food.
- Jonathan Page
- Heart beats
- AVA rock band (to be confirmed)
- External stalls
- Bbq – Warburtons have donated rolls. CD to see if there is a gluten free option.

Each year group will be performing at some point during the fair. CD to ask NW for a timetable asap so that PTA members can sign up to volunteer at a convenient time.

Reception – tattoos, nail painting and bindi

Year 1 – Grow your own stall

Year 2 – refreshments

Year 3 – Raffle and welcome (see below for more detail)

Year 4 – crafts – lanterns and biscuits

Year 5 – N/A

Year 6 – games

Vicky Buettler will also be offering face painting throughout the day.

Welcome stand

This is where visitors will be greeted and the food raffle will take place. There will be 3 food parcels from different countries, available to win. We discussed the logistics of how to run the raffle, so that the selling of tickets and recording of names runs as efficiently as possible.

This is also going to be a place to promote the PTA and share with parents the events that have taken place so far. We will use this as an opportunity to gather people's suggestions about forthcoming events (see A.O.B)

Large Prizes

2 family tickets to Zoomania

1 Family ticket for Rogue Bowling

£15 entertainer voucher

Green Dragon farm and Green Park have offered prizes in principal but these need to be confirmed.

Smaller Prizes

There are some small games left which were kindly donated by a parent.

We felt that sweets would be adequate for small prizes. CD to see if any of the supermarkets with community links, might be able to donate these.

Helper Prize

CD has secured a £50 Boden voucher which will be given to one of the volunteers in a prize draw!

Preparation morning

CD is going to organise a morning where any PTA members can come along and help prepare games etc for the fair. Provisional date Wednesday 15th May.

Donations

Jet Taxis have offered £200 to help towards the fair. As yet we are still waiting for the money to be delivered to school. CD will approach the new fish and chip shop to see if they might like to make a donation.

Advertising

Flyers will be made and delivered by PTA members to houses on the estate. Monies from the donations will be used for these, in return for advertising the businesses.

Sports week

This will run in school from 24th-28th June, ending with a fun afternoon on Friday. The week will be launched in school on the Monday, when an ex professional athlete will visit the children to talk about their experiences. Each child will take part in a sponsored circuit activity, details to follow.

Throughout the week, it is hoped that different sports clubs will come to school to promote a range of different sports. If anyone has any suggestions please contact CD or NW.

Activities

There will be a football tournament running through the week, with the final taking place on the Friday afternoon. The tournament is open to boys and girls.

Leigh Dale is organising a 5-a-side football competition for adults and there will also be a netball activity. These will take place during the fun afternoon.

As well as the sports activities, there are also going to be inflatables on the field. CD to see if there are any assault course ones available, similar to the ones on 'Wipeout'.

Refreshments

We felt that refreshments need to be on offer but ideally using outside vendors to save on PTA members volunteering. The price of products is important as they need to be affordable for the children and parents. When approaching vendors CD will see if the prices can be negotiable, as we can guarantee a captive market! The Works have already been signed up to attend.

Other ideas included; Nostru pizza, Pimms tent, Slushies (from Budgens) BBQ / hog roast and strawberries and cream.

A.O.B

VB has offered to shadow NW at the next school disco, with a view to taking on the DJ role at future events.

CD will circulate a document asking for ideas for future PTA events. These will then be used at the welcome stand at the World Fair to see which ideas are the most popular. So far suggestions include; a ball, race night, casino night, murder mystery evening and a cheese and wine evening.

Meeting closed 10:05am.