



Southville Primary PTA Meeting Minutes

**** Thursday 15th September 2022 ****

In Attendance:

Helen Beach (PTA Chair, Flamingo Rep), Liz Newton (Treasurer) Alex Leigh (Secretary, Penguins Rep), Tara Yapp (Koala Rep) Jemma Roberts (Koala Rep) , Kata Komar (Pelican), Sonia Adams (Kiwi Rep), Vicky Canfield Duthy (Herons Rep), Kate Ploughman (Kangaroo Rep) Emma McCormack (Hedgehog Rep), Charlotte Todd Brady (Lion Rep), Helen Donaldson (Butterfly Rep), Lucy Pook (Badger Rep) Susie Carnaby (Bear Rep) Kirsty Whayman (Bear Rep) Kate Myers (Seahorse / Honeybee Rep)

Apologies from:

Caroline Bennet- Clarke (Kangaroo Rep) Laura Keedwell (Starfish), Zara Rattray (Flacon Rep), Zoe Cullington (Falcon Rep), Rebecca Schuillabeer (Bear Rep)

Katie Abercombie (Teacher)

Katherine Edwards (Teacher) - has also stepped down as teacher rep.

Treasurer's Report

- Tea towel sale made £823.85
- Donations of £19.20 - second hand uniform sols at the Reception parents welcome evening
- Easy fundraising made £29.02, Amazon Smile made £28.99 and we had donations of £21.81 to donatemyschool.com

We have spent

- The final £750 towards year 6 leavers (so £1500 in total)
- £836.90 on year end treat (ice creams/lollies instead of the original plan due to extreme weather)
- £165.50 on refreshments for sports day

We have ring fenced £3,523.31 (from previous pledges). We have approximately £18500 in funds, which leaves us with ***approximately £15k for funding future enrichment!***

PTA communications

Helen recommended to pass on:

PTA: 'What to Expect' document to all classes to give a heads up on the year ahead. This is pinned on the facebook page.

And to Reshare Facebook page which will have all the events on.

Helen Beach to finalise PTA reps document with new reps from 22/23 when we have a full set of Reception class representatives.

Welcome picnic for Reception & Preschool at Merrywood

This Saturday, any cakes welcome

Uniform

Please remind parents to label everything as the lost property is growing again.

What is the school doing? Labeled items are being put into lost property. Helen Beach to discuss with Andy Bowman.

Halloween Disco

For Years 1 to 6 on Wed 12th Oct. Volunteers needed - You can volunteer on PTA EVENTS when you purchase tickets.

Comedy Night

NEW EVENT! Fri 11 Nov at Myrtle site, Volunteer bar staff needed. Liz Newton & Tara to do wine & food.

Emma Phillimore is organising the comedians. £10 per ticket.

PTA voted to agree to pay £250 for the comedians to perform.

Future Events

Kate Myre has offered to do another quiz night - Date TBC - like February.

Christmas Fair

Shout out for a Santa volunteer - we need 3 Santa's to the event to each cover an hour, and then 1 santa as back up!

Date for the fair - 3rd Dec - 2 until 5pm at Merrywood site.

Meeting to arrange the Christmas fair - Wed 19th October - for anyone who would like to be involved.

Kate Ploughman to speak with Caroline Bennet Clark to hire candyfloss machine.

Kate Ploughman also kindly agreed to bake all the Christmas themed biscuits for the biscuit decorating.

Santa's Grotto to be run in the library outside to free up a classroom.

Christmas Cards

Letters have been sent to teachers, packs arrive next week. Being coordinated by Jess Swingler Y2.

Christmas theater tickets part funded (50%) by the PTA again this year

Merrywood library Update -

Books will be cataloged as at the Myrtle site. Waiting on school to confirm when the current books have been sorted so we can begin cataloging.

AGM meeting date -

Wed 2nd November

Voting will be held for all positions of the PTA Chair, Vice Chair, Treasurer and Secretary. Nominees need to be physically present.

OPAL Project

£25,000 ish for new flooring, and new structure in the Merrywood Playground. Parents would like a full consultation, see plans etc to be able to make an informed vote.

Helen Beach feels all parents need a vote and not just those who attend meetings. Will discuss with Andy Bowman.

Any other business

There was a conversation regarding contributing to the increased Forest school costs - further discussion required.

Prices have increased from £7 / child / session to £10.

For reception families, 10 sessions now cost £100.

Y1-Y6 the cost is £30 for 3 sessions.

Can children perhaps do 1 or 2 sessions at a local park to reduce costs as the coach hire is very expensive. Helen Beach to discuss with Andy Bowman.

Parent Request for the difference between the £7 and the £10 be covered by the PTA. This would be around £7500 - this was voted on - and was a majority no.

Next Meeting

AGM- Wed 2nd November