

PTA Meeting 10th Jan 2023

Attendees: Helen Beach (PTA Chair, Y2 Flamingo, Y5 Leopard), Liz Newton (Treasurer), Emma McCormack (Secretary, Y5 Leopards), Steve Ginnis (Reception, Octopus) Louise Rutterford (Reception / Eco Committee), Sonia Adams (Vice Chair, Y4 Kiwi), Zara Rattary (Y2, Falcon), Paula Mathias (Family Liaison - Teacher) , Kirsty Whayman (Y1, Bears) , Kata Komar (Y6, Pelican) Vicky Canfield Duthie (Y3, Hedgehog), Charlotte Todd Brady (Y5, Lions) Lucy Pook (Y1, Badgers) Susannah Carnaby (Y1, Bears)

Apologies: Alex Leigh (Y6, Penguins), Tara Yapp (Y4, Koala), Rebecca Schillabeer (Y2, Fox), Nat Sanfillipo (Y6, Puffins)

Treasurer's Report

Since the last meeting we have raised:

- £6,410.04 from the Winter Fair
- £102.23 at the Year 3/4 carols
- We covered the cost of providing crackers and table cloths for the school Christmas lunches by selling crackers and actually made £20.70 profit (cost was £384.40 for 1000 crackers and wrapping paper and we took £405.10 selling the excess crackers)
- £25.82 bank interest

Between the bank account, savings account and cash we have approx. £28,000. However, of that we have approx £3,500 ring fenced as detailed in previous meetings, plus money for the lantern parade and for half the cost of the Christmas theater tickets. Realistically we have £20,000 that can be used for funding school projects/enrichment.

Plans to buy this year:

- Art materials, sandpit toys, cooking materials

Winter Fair Update:

- Stores that do well include; Cafe, Christmas trees, Hampers (our biggest earner!!), Santa's grotto, Tombola and Toys and Books.
- Candyfloss store will now be run outside due to mess and difficulties with cleaning it up after.
- Future stall idea: cider

Christmas card updates:

- Still waiting on the final figures

- It is quite stressful to organise and to sort out the issues
- Consensus to carry on with Cameleon as they are the best company we have been with so far
- Jess Swingler / Lucy Pook have agreed to do Christmas Cards 2023

Reception Beginners Ball

- Thursday 12th January
- Sold 63 tickets so far- only 9 children without a parent coming
- Only 4 helpers for the event
- Plan: to put a reminder out for volunteers to class whatapps and reminders to buy tickets to reception parents.
- Bar- cash only £3 glass wine and soft drink available- Steve to share with class reps and to share with reception parents.

French Day

- Times to volunteer: 20th Jan 20223 1.15pm-3:15pm
- Action: Helen to put on PTA events to volunteer
KS2 reps please share with class
KS2 reps to remind parents to bring £1

Opal Play Equipment:

- Sandpits have been purchased at both sites- PTA to buy equipment to go with this
- Music equipment to be purchased for Myrtle site
- Merrywood-play cube proposal requested- £16,331

PTA Vote:everyone voted yes! Unanimous 😊

Action: Governors to vote next- governors need to approve

Future:

- Hoping to get some scooter ramps for Myrtle site (funding request may come in)
- Orchard area at Myrtle will be opening soon
- Skipping ropes

Dates for events for 2023

- 10th Jan- Reception Ball
- 20th Jan- French Day
- 28th Jan- Lantern Parade
- 24th Feb- Quiz night Action: Liz to get alcohol license
Will need a team of volunteers (for bar and set up and to buy booze/glasses (can easily do this from Majestic)
- 23rd March-Spring Discos -TBC

Action: Helen to confirm date with school

- Saturday 20th May -May Fair- TBC

Action: Helen to confirm date with school

- June- tea towels etc TBC
- YEAR 6- Team of volunteers to coordinate end of year activities- Action: Helen to check who is coordinating this
- July-
- Saturday 23rd September- Nursery and Reception Welcome picnics
- November-Comedy Night TBC
- December - Wreath Making workshop TBC
 - Christmas decoration making (with air drying clay) TBC
 - Saturday 2nd December- Winter Fair TBC

Parent Environment Network: Louise Rutterford

- Network of parents and teachers (about 12 parents with expertise)
- Lunchtime eco club to run at Myrtle on Mondays. The aim is to get a green flag award for the school. Run by parents
- School are keen for curricular enrichment - if parents have any expertise then please volunteer
- Newsletter will share any local events/activities
- Funding potential request ideas- shading for the Muggers
- Any opportunities for the 'green team' to help with events.
- Any questions/ideas please contact the Parent Environment Network

Next Meeting: Wednesday 1st March 2023 7.30pm