

PTA meeting – Thursday 13th September

Those present:

Andrew Rhodes (Acting Head), Alison Hutchinson (Administrator and PTA secretary), Meg Wagman (Parent and Chair), Suzanne Hayward (Outgoing Chair), Linda Carter (Parent), Janine Naghshineh-Ashton (Parent), Alison Mobey (Parent)

Apologies:

Adrian Cooper (Parent and Outgoing Treasurer), Jane Moran (Parent and Incoming Treasurer)

After introductions AR read through the constitution. It was confirmed that Meg Wagman will take over the role of Chairperson and Alison Hutchinson will continue as Secretary. Jane Moran has kindly put herself forward and been duly elected as Treasurer. We thank Adrian for his commitment to the PTA.

We discussed communication with parents which we hope will improve this year as we launch our new PTA Facebook page. The page will be an excellent way for parents to find out what's going on and to pass on ideas and information. It will be live very soon so more details to follow. We have a new PTA noticeboard in the playground (near Y1 windows) which Meg will be updating regularly.

The Treasurers report noted that last year the PTA paid £2545 for coaches for school trips and £4150 for Communitree expenses (this included setting up the outdoor area and funding for the Communitree days throughout the year). The PTA also paid for leaving presents for Y6, the new noticeboard and spotlights in Reception class.

This year our focus will be to raise money for a new whiteboard for Reception class and also for an outdoor sound system which will benefit all our children.

In addition to our regular events some possible new ones were discussed:

- A scarecrow trail in the outdoor area – possibly each class could make a scarecrow? (LC)
- Family photos taken under the cherry tree in the playground in the spring (MW)
- Online dinner auction – possibly April/ May (MW)
- Christmas themed family photos – MW & LC to coordinate – this will be instead of Christmas cards (it was decided that these were too expensive and usually received too late for parents)
- Cinema night – JNA to research another company that would be able to come into school

Calendars – instead of using props MW suggested putting a digital themed frame around each month's photo. This will be a lot simpler to organise.

If possible we would like the PTA to be represented at class assemblies to serve the tea/ coffee afterwards. This will raise the profile of the PTA. JNA & LC have volunteered to do this at the YR welcome assembly on 24th September and MW will also be present.

Easyfundraising – This has raised £470 so far although we currently only have 27 parents registered. We will try to raise the profile of this especially on the run up to Christmas when people are online shopping.