

Minutes

Attending

D. Pearce, C. Talbot, S. Riley, N. Shenton, L. Lowndes, C. Lowe, V.M. Danks

Apologies

J. Convey and J. Furnival

Christmas Fair

The Christmas Fair was successful although not quite as profitable as in previous years. Santa was a huge hit and Mrs Pearce has thanked him on our behalf (the PTA also gave him a bottle of vodka in thanks) and he has agreed to be Santa next Christmas. The committee thought it would be a good idea to charge £1 per child from now on and move the grotto to the front of the school (the little room off the entrance). A different way of organising the children who want to see Santa was also proposed with a possible number scheme to be implemented. Mrs Pearce is going to look for Christmas decorations for the grotto while they are on sale. Thank you letters have been sent out. The fair raised £784.61. This year more money was spent on art and crafts and on the bottle stall. It was decided that the committee should look at Baker Ross who are presently having a sale in order to buy items at a cheaper price for the next fair. It was also agreed that more games like "pin the tail on the donkey" should be included.

Christmas Disco

The children enjoyed the disco as usual. Due to the time of the disco, there was no entrance fee for attending. The committee have decided that although the DJ has been booked for summer, it would save money if they could do their own disco. The committee will ask Miss Gardner for the use of her glitter ball and Mr Ahearn for a playlist. The school speakers and lighting will be used.

Funds

The balance is £3373.05 (which includes the Christmas Fair). All agreed that this was a very healthy balance considering the expenditure on iPads (£1,400) and buses for school trips (£251). The Christmas disco (£130 + £26 for refreshments), which normally breaks even, was run at a loss to enable all the children to have the opportunity to attend.

Mrs Lowe expressed her thanks to the PTA for enabling the purchase of more iPads. They have made a significant impact on the children's learning allowing every child to have one each in their lessons. The number bought has also meant that they are all able to fit in the existing trolley providing security without having to purchase another trolley. Mrs Lowndes has suggested that if it was possible, at a later date, other ict items might be considered to enhance learning such as a datalogger.

Summer Fair – 50th Celebrations

Saturday 29th June 2019 from 4-7pm

A "Party in the Park" style celebration (not a summer fair as such), has been suggested for the 50th anniversary of the school. The time of the event lends itself to the afternoon tea idea put forward. There would also be other food available such a bbq (Mr Childs) or hog roast (Mr Ahearn has contacts). Mr Childs will be approached as he very kindly offered his services after the last summer fair.

The event will be aimed at creating a "country fair" feeling. This will be achieved with hay (straw) bales, bunting and the inclusion of old fashioned games such as skittles and old fair games.

The Diocese has given £200 to the school.

The committee are looking into including:

A marquee - D Pearce and C Lowe

Live music - S Riley

Line dancing - V Danks

Children's area with old fashioned games - C Talbot

Children's party entertainer (lasting about $\frac{1}{2}$ hr) - D Pearce

Old sweet jars (penny sweets) - C Talbot

Barbeque or hog roast - L Lowndes

Bar - C Talbot

Treasure hunt (relating to the area and 1969) - C Talbot

Maypole - C Lowe

Dress the scarecrow - C Talbot

Bales - L Lowndes and V Danks

Photo storyboard - S Riley

Anniversary t-towel or apron - C Talbot

With this being a special celebration, the school are going to ask the community and former pupils. There will be a mention in the community magazine "The One Way" about the event.

The committee would also like to hold a competition to "name the event". This will be put in the newsletter with a prize for the winner (possibly a hamper, free tickets or similar).

It was agreed that everything should be booked first and then the committee could promote the event and what was on offer. It was also deemed important to get people tied in early for a good turnout (just in case there are other events scheduled for the same day).

Fund Raising Ideas

Table top sale, outdoor movie night (C Talbot and D Pearce looking into), Sponsored event for children such as obstacle/walk/swim, Bonus Ball with a quarterly standing order, meal at Barn India or the Arch in Newcastle (charge a lower rate than in the past), bags to school (after fair), t.towels/aprons (September ready for Christmas) and book fayre (S Riley organising) In addition film night, fashion show, cake sale and non uniform day.

Events

Film Night

The next film night will be on Friday 15th February. This will follow the usual format.

Easter Egg Hunt

Friday 12th April

Fashion Show

End of April.

A cake sale for Nancy's Fund has been organised by the school council for Wednesday 13th February so a later date for a PTA cake sale will be arranged.

AOB

Mrs Lowe has said that Stoke football club are eager to have a penalty shootout at the school. The money raised will be split 50/50 between the school and the community fund which this year is focusing on the homeless. Mrs Lowe will organise this event.

Next Meeting
Tuesday 12th February at 3.30 pm