

Minutes for PTA Meeting

11th September 2018

Attending - D. M. Pearce, A. Dykes, A. Buckley, J. Burke, L. Lowndes, C. Talbot, V.M. Danks, S. Gardner, C. Lowe, H. Cartwright and S. Riley

Apologies - J. Convey, J. Smith

Cook Book

The cook book sold well and of the original 60, only 17 are left. There were 4 sponsors and the costs have been covered. The profit so far is £296.00 and the figures will be updated for the AGM in October when Mrs Lowndes will have an itemized summary. Mrs Lowe said there needed to be a big Thank You to both Mrs Saint and Mrs Riley for their hard work in organising the book. It was decided that the remaining books would be sold at the Christmas fair.

Sports Day

Everyone said that they enjoyed the relaxed atmosphere of the sports afternoon this year and the opportunity of buying refreshments during the event. Mrs Talbot commented on the way the request for a donation worked better than putting a fixed price on refreshments. The profit was in the region of £40.00. It was decided that next year the range of refreshments would be extended to include ice creams and more and other things.

Summer Fair

The summer fair went fabulously especially with the new bbq and bar set up. Although there was not a huge difference in the overall profits (this year the fair made £1,142.00 as opposed to last year's profit of £1,052.21) it was decided that it was a lot better format and would be continued next year. Mrs Talbot and Mrs Lowe expressed their gratitude to both Mr & Mrs Saint and Mr & Mrs Childs for their help and kind donations regarding the running of the bbq and bar. A letter of thanks will be sent to both parties. Thank you also to Mrs Dykes who came up with the wonderful idea for Unicorn Dust instead of face painting and provided the dust too. It will replace face painting from now on as it was much easier and preferable to the latter. Next year's summer fair will be a slightly different format from the norm due to the school celebrating it's 50th birthday. The Bishop was originally meant to attend the fair but is unable to make the planned date (11th May) and instead is attending on the Thursday (9th May) as this is the closest date he can make. A country theme is planned for the event with hay bales, deckchairs and games. The committee will also look into hiring a marquee (in case of inclement weather) a band and a hog roast. The usual talent show will not take place. Instead of a cake stall, there will be afternoon tea and Mrs Pearce has agreed to this. Therefore, the new date for the summer fair has been set as **Saturday 29th June. Also, as this is a special event, it will begin at 3pm and continue until 7pm instead of the normal 12-2pm.** Invites will go out nearer the time to friends and colleagues of previous years.

Bishop's Visit

The Bishop will be visiting the school on **Thursday 9th May** to help celebrate the school's 50th anniversary. A tea party will be arranged for the visit. The PTA/school will also look into a commemorative item such as a mug or badge for those who are part of the school in its 50th year.

Disco

Mrs Lowe said that she had received a lovely letter from the cubs/scouts tanking the school for moving the time of the disco. Not only did this help the scouts and the parents of the children who

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wanted to attend both events, it also enabled other children and parents to access the disco. Therefore, following the change of time for the summer disco, the Christmas disco has been booked for **1.30pm on Thursday 20th December**. There will be activities available for those children who do not like discos. Crisps, drinks and prizes will still be provided as usual.

Website/Facebook

Mrs Saint set up a Facebook page during the summer term which has proved to be a fabulous way of keeping parents informed. Mrs Riley has agreed to put the information on the school's newsletter about the page to make sure all parents are aware of it.

Film Night

Another children's film night is planned for **Friday 5th October**. The price will be £5 per child with a maximum cost of £10 per family. Hot dogs, popcorn, cake and juice will be provided as usual. The film will possibly be Peter Rabbit.

Non-Uniform Day

A non-uniform day is planned for **Thursday 25th October**. The children will be asked to bring in items that will be made into "Pamper Hampers" for the Christmas Fair.

Children in Need and Bingo Night

Children in need is on **Friday 16th November**. As usual it is a non-uniform day with children donating £1 to the charity. In the evening a Family Bingo Night will be held. This will be a Fancy-Dress event with a prize for the Best Dressed Team. It will be £3 per adult and £2 per child or £10 per family. There will be a buffet provided of jacket potatoes and fillings which Mrs Pearce has said she will make. Mrs Danks will ask Mrs Dale if the PTA can use the kitchen and the ovens for the event. People will be asked to bring their own drinks; however, squash will be available. This year the money from the raffle prizes will go to Children in Need. Prizes will include a voucher for the Sheet Anchor, a flower arrangement and champagne.

Douglas MacMillan Coffee Morning

The date for the coffee morning has yet to be decided - Mrs Stonier is looking into a suitable date. However, help will be needed for the event and the PTA will provide the help needed.

Commemorative Merchandise

Mrs Riley is researching hessian bags and t-towels to commemorate the school's 50th anniversary. The bags will hopefully be available for sale at the Christmas Fair and the t-towels at the Summer Fair.

PTA Meetings will possibly vary in days and times so that more people have the opportunity to attend.

AGM

Wednesday 10th October