

## **PTA Meeting – Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> September 2021**

### **Attendees:**

Mrs Stray  
Lizzi Hodgkinson  
Helen Page  
Julia Milligan  
Nicole Ho  
Gizem Ardem  
Dheeraj Chibber  
Reena Chibber

### **Apologies:**

Marta Skotnicka  
Ayanna Rezulska  
Karen Francis  
Fliss Dunden-Smith  
Abbie Hollick  
Richard Brown  
Julie Fernandes-Tansley  
Karen Goodfellow  
Nadine Stewart  
Lucy Cooper

Minutes from last time – nothing outstanding, all approved

Year 6 Leavers Disco and hoodies – went well. Supplier worked well.

### **Upcoming events:**

- Coffee morning Macmillan next Friday. Baking, Nearly new. Decorate beforehand (morning). Encourage new reception parents to come via whatsapp
- 100 club – 29 sold to date. 138 last year. Flyer to go out to boost numbers. Entries to be in by the end of the month.

Noticeboard next to Lime class – now parents coming indoors again, useful for PTA promotion

- Silent auction. £100 voucher Club Excel. Flyer to go out.
- Christmas cards. Templates have arrived. 1<sup>st</sup> October to go out to teachers, 2 weeks. Back in December. Design ideas for different year groups (Lizzi).
- Halloween Disco. Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> October. Just one disco, years 4-6. 6-7.30pm. XYZ will go straight to disco. Price – usually more children to cover costs, longer disco. Fees incurred by selling tickets online need to be considered. Price includes snack, activity

in dining hall. Stick to £5 with optional donation towards fees. Highlight additional fees in communications, trial to see how many contribute extra.

- Need lots of volunteers. Mrs Stray will ask teachers if anyone can help. Claire and Nadeene running with Lizzi and Julie. Nadeene will set up rota. Julia is in charge of snacks.
- Water bottles – ask children to bring them in, split in tables with labels. Water available with cups as well.
- Odyssey takeover – Sophie liaising with cinema. Fleetville happy to share with us. £7 per ticket, hard to charge more than Odyssey do. Inset day.
- Film night YR-3. Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> December, 3.30pm. Teachers stay on after school, extra-curricular classes have ended by then. Amy and Nicole will run. Need to choose film similar in length. Y2-3 in theatre (snack beforehand – in classroom just before end of day), R and 1 in classrooms. Same dismissal time. £3 per head.
- Christmas fair alternatives? Uncertainty over Covid.
- Outdoor – weather considerations
- Timed tickets to manage numbers? Too difficult?
- Few stalls in playground, mulled wine, Santa's grotto (ticketed – pre sold, gauge numbers), few other games. Grotto indoors hallway. Food in dining room. Raffle – need someone to lead.
- Bottle tombola
- Cake stall
- Easy input stalls
- ACS branded Christmas puddings
- Things that are easily cancellable, be careful with communications. Subject to weather etc. Need to discuss further but hopeful we will be able to run some kind of event (safely).
- Sat 4<sup>th</sup> December – provisional date
- Christmas Treasy
- Subsidise panto – Arena cancelled booking, waiting to hear. If not, will do theatre option. £1000 in budget.

## **AOB**

### **Book list**

- Books on the Hill option. Easyfundraising money to be spent on books, direct link how money is spent, how school benefits. £65 per term to have book list. Can create live list on website, we need to come up with list. £15 per term. Alternatively, we can just pass funds directly to school to purchase, take photos of books purchased to promote to parents and stamp inside that they have been donated by the PTA and the relevant year.

### **Wish list**

- 16 ipads. Possibly chromebook tablets (Mrs Stray is investigating). Cheaper but may not have the same capabilities, we also already have an ipad charging trolley.

- Raised flower beds – a new focus for the Eco Committee will be a competition for the best kept flower bed, with each year group being given a budget (£?) and allocated a flower bed to grow and care for, possibly each with its own theme.
- NNS – other schools have more ongoing sales, someone takes ownership of it? Set up store in cupboard in dining room. One day a month? Online presence. Need volunteers!
- Gizem has set up PTA Instagram page, looking for more followers. Reminders before events.
- Succession of PTA chair and comms. Mention to classes.
- A wine tasting event was mooted. More intimate. Herts wine school – Reena to check. Numbers/budget.
- Bought spellcheckers for school, arrived.

**Next meeting:**

Tues 9<sup>th</sup> November – next meeting on zoom (alternating for now).