

PTA Meeting Tuesday 9th November 2021

Attendees

Lizzi Hodgkinson
Helen Page
Marta Skotnicka
Richard Brown
Julia Milligan
Paula Sides
Fliss Dundon-Smith
Claire Toms
Kam Aujla
Marie Sprakes
Heather Birt
Ayanna Rezulska
Mrs Stray
Josilda Pereira
Gizem Erdem
Julie Fernandes-Tansley
Nicole Ho
Karen Goodfellow
Jenni Malcolm
Kate Davis
Nadeene Stewart
Liz Sami

Apologies

None

Minutes from last meeting

Nothing outstanding.

Lizzi was going to email Reena as she was going to look into wine tasting – one to bear in mind for the Spring, probably not appropriate for this term.

100 Club

Last month:

67 – 1st prize (Julia)

70 – 2nd prize

This month

91 – 1st prize (Helen Hopkins)

15 – 2nd prize (Andrew Davis)

Events roundup

1. Macmillan coffee morning and NNS, end of September.

Great to see so many people, lots of donations - £170 raised for charity

NNS - £75 sales

2. 100 Club

104 entries, £1040 raised for the school. Down a bit on last year (c. 138) but easy to organise and good prize pot, still worthwhile.

3. £100 Club Excel holiday club – Silent auction - £85 raised

4. Halloween Disco

Limited to years 4-6, historically 2 discos back to back – bit easier to run with only one. Lots of volunteers - Lizzi, Julie, Claire and Nadeene organised. Positive feedback, much better/less chaotic not having to do 2! Rosie Toms requests more sweets and more Halloween songs! C. 160 attended, large proportion of children from those year groups. Ticket sales online this time, we offered an optional contribution towards fees – most people did contribute. £62.50 earned as optional contribution, just covered fees but only as we had some free ticket tailor funds, would have been slightly under otherwise. Kept ticket price at £5. Water in cups worked well compared to water bottles. Entry (via XYZ exit door) and exit worked well, exiting from different doors for different year groups meant people left quickly and easily. Lucky dip was very popular but was in a bit of a bottle neck location, got a bit crazy – relocate next year! Raised £553.55, when adding sponsorship goes up to £683. Good considering only one disco.

5. Odyssey takeover

Sophie Ashcroft liaised with the Odyssey. Completely sold out, never happened before! Odyssey keep raising their prices so feels like a bit of a risk but worked well. £1300 now (was £1200 last time), Fleetville agreed to cover increase in price. 100 tickets at £7 to break even. £742.50 profit.

Feedback – checking in was a bit manic with paper attendance lists. Ticket tailor can scan people's tickets electronically with QR code on phone or printed ticket – worth looking into in the future. Next time provide signs to make it clear which check in was for which school to avoid confusion at the entrance. 10am for 10.15 start, people arrived from 9.45, all worked smoothly. Film (Croods 2) was great. Fleetville didn't sell that many tickets so may not want to do it again, especially as they covered increase in cost. Another school may do.

Upcoming events

1. Festive Fete has sadly been cancelled, Local Authority advising against mass gatherings (and against going indoors to use toilets or kitchen facilities), cases going up so didn't feel like the right thing to do. Will be doing some other festive things.
2. Christmas cards/mugs/coasters – deadline this Sunday. £1500 sales so far (not profit). Normally around £1200 profit. Need to send out a reminder in class rep notes. Templates went out on 1st October, some classes took 3 weeks – in future allow 3 weeks for artwork to avoid deadline risk. Orders need to be in early November to get them back for December. Christmas cards all look good!
3. Coffee morning – Monday 29th November (alternate Mon and Fri). Take a view nearer the time, depending on number of cases. Probably cancel, don't promote for now.
4. Salvation Army – toy appeal – collecting unwanted brand new toys, wrapped and given to children. Friday 10th December. Lizzi and Rebecca Balmforth – collection and delivery. Last year was 2 mornings and very full.
5. Orchestra open rehearsal – open doors and people can listen from outside, possible some parents might be able to go into hall but will depend on Covid situation. Could serve/sell mince pies in playground to parents listening.
6. Popcorn night. Amy and Nicole running. May need a backup plan if classes move back into bubbles. Parents currently allowed in. Need enough volunteer parents to supervise and act as toilet monitors and escort back to XYZ and exits. Tues 14th December. Popcorn to be avoided due to mess and choking hazard for younger years. No food to be taken into the theatre.
7. Alban Arena panto tickets changed – Thursday 16th December. Optional PTA subsidy.
8. Friday 17th December – Christmas jumper day in return for donations on Just Giving page. No bottle tombola this year.
9. Raffle – moving away from paper raffle. Easier and makes sense in terms of people isolating. Helen has done lots of research into options and has concluded that People's Fundraising is the best option – host website. Buy tickets with debit card, pictures of all the different prizes, opportunity to promote businesses who are donating prizes. Website will also do random draw for us. Could set price per ticket higher? Don't want to exclude anyone who only wants to pay a pound or two. Opinions given - £1 per ticket generally thought best, people can buy what they want. Interesting experiment to see how it compares with the paper books with the psychology of having the physical tickets to buy or return. Raffle prizes – Julia and Karen agreed to source the prizes. Reminder for parents with class rep notes. Morrisons have a charity person – something to enquire about. Marie offered Body Shop prize and Heather Baby College.

10. Baking/craft competition – different categories, entries on Monday 20th December. Pay something to enter – how much? 1 adult and 4 child categories. Best decorated gingerbread house, best decorated gingerbread figure, best christmas tree decoration, best festive scene – 2D or 3D. Something for everybody. Adult – best festive bake. Sell off at the end of the day in bake sell. Prize for winner. Mrs Stray asked if it could be a free to enter event as people will have spent lots of money on other things – agreed it wouldn't be a big fundraiser anyway and we can sell/auction off the bakes afterwards so we will keep it as a free event. Also easier to manage. Need volunteers to manage and take it forward. Suggested that the children/school council could judge, anonymous entries.

11. Christmas Treeasy. Donation for each tree ordered.

Ideas for other events in Spring

Adult event, something to bring parents together – quiz, wine tasting

Disco for younger years in the Spring

Film night for older years

AOB

Book list:

29 books donated,

£240 Easyfundraising proceeds

Just received another £140 from EF for books. Promote EF. Graphics for book covers, good to see what it's buying. Amy to organise stamp.

Wish list

- Chromebooks v ipads. Mrs Stray speaking to IT next week.
- Mrs Dore would like every child to have their own chime bars for music lessons. Would need 35 sets @ £20 each. £700. Nice to spend on music for a change. Positive response to this investment.
- Comfy seating for the library – Mrs Carter was looking into it, not big priority but still something that would be good to have
- Planter schemes – best kept flowerbed competition. Let us know how much they're going to need

NNS uniform

In process of organising uniform and setting up an online shop, with the opportunity to charge different amounts for different items/quality of items. Also suggested that we resell costumes such as Egyptian and world book day – recycling and additional revenue source. We will have a donation bin and will need 3-4 volunteers to manage the uniform stock and ensure orders are delivered to the child on certain days of the month (TBC).

Succession

Lizzi and Julie stepping down from committee roles in January.

Proposed new structure – giving people particular roles, who then own each element. Separate email addresses to deal with specific queries, eg raffle, uniform.

Nearly new, Christmas cards, Odyssey. Someone to take it on for a few years then hand over. AGM, do normal committee roles but also more discreet roles. More efficient than generating sub-committees each time. Please could people let us know if they are interested in taking on one of these roles.

Sponsorship from Bradford and Howley have given another £500.

Class rep notes:

100 club

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Christmas card deadline

Raffle plea