

PTA Meeting

Monday 17th January 2022

(Microsoft Teams)

Present

Jenni Smith (Chair)
Sejal Brahmbhatt (Vice Chair)
Hannah Surtees (Treasurer)
Nicola Tighe (Vice Treasurer)
Louise Taylor (Secretary)
Lisa Katwaroo (Vice Secretary)
Mrs. Sharpe
Kate Sheppard
Mark Mahabir
Nick Jethwa

Apologies

Gemma Starkings
Billie Humphries

1. Welcome

Jenni welcomed everyone to the meeting.

2. Previous meeting actions

Barn Dance - Billie has an update on the barn dance and will speak about this with Jen.

Read-a-thon - this can tie in with World Book Day on the 3rd March. The winner of the Read-a-thon will get to spend time with an author.

The book fair is also taking place on the 23rd February - 3rd March 2022. To make it safer for everyone, a class each day could go and view/choose their books.

3. Events

Events - there are currently no restrictions to hold events so hopefully the Spring Coffee morning can go ahead, possible date 26th March 2022. Keep the event outside as much as possible. Could use the Cricket Club, Jen will contact them.

Disco - possibly in the Summer term.

4. Parking

School have proposed new school times which will help with parking/traffic in the mornings. There are still issues with kiss and drop, therefore the use of cones/bollards may help if residents agree and information will go in the newsletter again.

5. Teacher Requests

Resources and books are needed for Class 1 and pre-school, Mrs Sharpe will check with the teachers what is needed and also check against the budget.

6. Finance Update - Hannah Surtees

The current bank balance is £8,202. £5,419 of this will go towards the second phase of the garden project.

Hannah applied to HSBC for a deposit card in mid December but still has not received it.

Hannah contacted HMRC regarding the gift aid from Mr Pochin's donation however has not heard anything back from them yet, she will contact them again.

HSBC are now charging charities for banking with them - a monthly £5 charge plus charges for making deposits. We don't want to be charged and lose any money so Hannah will look into opening a new bank account. Natwest and RBS look like the better banks as they allow 4 signatories and an account can be opened online.

Nectar are doing a reward scheme, something to look into.

7. AmazonSmile

No payments so far from Amazon Smile, payments may be done quarterly. Louise used Easyfundraising and Amazon Smile together and they still worked.

8. AOB

There will also be Mad March Hair Day to take place but as there will be 2 events already taking place in March, possibly do this in May.

The Queen's Jubilee - Jen will ask Mrs Sharpe if the school has any plans for this.

Nicola will ask Adele how we can be in with a chance of receiving the Tesco community funding they offer.

May be useful to have another card machine for future events. Louise will ask if we can have one donated.

For further discussions on the Spring Coffee morning, these will take place on the WhatsApp groups.

9. Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday 26th April 2022 at 6pm via Teams.

Thank you.

