

Minutes from meeting on the 29th September 2014

Apologies –

Jo Wilson, Lisa Merriman, Jane Ince, Katharine Gosling, Louise Warren, Penny Watson and Lydia Coupe.

Attendees –

Isabel Howett, Karen Neale, Christine Tresidder, Alison O'Connor, Hannah Parrott, Adam Maddock, Calum Booth, Sally Booth, Cassie Petrie, Nikki Mann, Helen Hardman, Rachel Bush, Alison Timson, Rachel Ibbott, Annie Cooke, Emma Delmont-Shell and Jordane Edwards-Maddock.

Welcome, a cuppa and Introductions –

Alison Timson welcomed everybody and noted how great it was to see so many people and how it is nice to have lots of people involved and to be able to share the work load. Everybody introduced themselves and mentioned why they are/would like to get involved.

What does the PTA do?

In view of the upcoming AGM on the 13th October, some time was spent discussing the following questions; How much we raise and why; How we're structured and How we're elected. At the AGM, the core committee roles will be re-elected: a chair, secretary, treasurer and either two officers or a vice chair and one officer. These positions are compulsory for the charity to run. Anyone is welcome to stand for these positions.

Upcoming events –

Cake sale – The 17th October was proposed as the next sale. Nikki Mann, Alison O'Connor and Rachel Ibbott volunteered to set up and man the stall and would arrive at school at 2.45pm. An email will be sent at the beginning of the week to request cakes. Posters also to be put up.

Uniform sale – There will be a second hand uniform sale running alongside the cake sale. A request will be sent out for uniform donations the week before. Rachel Bush and Hannah Parrott volunteered to sort the uniform on the 14th October and Chrissy Tresidder volunteered to man on the day. Items will be sold at £1 per item.

Social evening - Hannah Parrott, Emma Delmont-Shell and Sally Booth to explore (and possibly start planning) a post-Christmas event such as a quiz. Other ideas to be explored included a 'murder mystery' party. Events will be discussed at the next meeting.

Open day – Refreshments to be served to prospective parents on the 22nd October, (9.30-11.30 am and 1.30-2.30 pm) Isabel Howett and Rachel Bush available for both the morning and afternoon sessions and Cassie Petrie and Karen Neale available for the afternoon.

Cauliflower cards – The children will be creating a 'Christmas' themed piece of artwork over the next couple of weeks and bringing it home prior to half term. They make lovely Christmas cards and raise between £300-£400.

Disco - Weds 22 October (tbc)

Bags2school - Tues 25 November

Christmas Fair - Sat 6th Dec was decided as the most suitable date. Isabel Howett, Helen Hardman, Emma Delmont-Shell and Cassie Petrie to form a sub-committee aided by Alison Timson and Jordane Edwards-Maddock. It was discussed that it would be nice to have the choir present, also that a 'present' room worked well last year. We will also offer a limited number of external stalls – predominantly for school connected parties.

Christmas Party - Mon 15 Dec

If you are able to help at any of the above events then please let us know.

A.O.B – We have created a new 'PTA' email address to make it even easier to keep in contact. The address is stgilbertspta@outlook.com. Please use this for future correspondences.

Date of Next Meeting – AGM 13th October 9am