

St Anne's Fulshaw PTA Meeting & Coffee Morning

Friday 9th September 2016

Introductions

This was the first meeting of the year and was an opportunity for parents to find out about the work of the PTA and how to get involved.

Present: The meeting was well attended by new and existing parents, as well as PTA committee members.

Apologies: Sheena Kalayil

Clare Daniel (CD) opened the meeting, welcoming everyone and commenting on exciting developments at school over the summer - the construction of the library and the new kitchen.

PTA Treasurer Nicola Aslam (NA) welcomed new parents and explained that all parents are members of the PTA. A broad outline of events for this year was given and committee members present at the meeting were introduced.

Class Reps for this year are:

Class 1: Clare Lockett and Jane Gilchrist

Class 2: Caroline Kelf and Rachael Thomas

Class 3: Alison Marris and Lynsey Baird-Nelson

Class 4: Sophie Taylor

Class 5: Natalie Lloyd and Leila Jerman

NA noted that our PTA is a very successful PTA and raises funds above the national average for a school of this size. Amongst other things, money raised by the PTA helps to fund theatre trips, Science Week, the school music teacher, and books for the library. Last year we raised in the region of £13,000 - £14,000.

All parents are welcome at PTA meetings – parents are not expected to offer to take on a committee role in order to be involved.

Easy Fundraising

Easy Fundraising leaflets were available for parents to take. This is a way of raising funds for school via online shopping. Approximately £600 has been raised so far. There is an Easy Fundraising app, and further information can be found on www.easyfundraising.org.uk.

Micro Scooters

CD has a school reference number which can be used to raise further funds for school when shopping on the Micro Scooters website.

EVENTS

School BBQ – Friday 23rd September

The Summer BBQ did not take place last term due to bad weather. This will go ahead now whatever the weather, with some activities indoors if it is raining. It is hoped that parents who volunteered to man stalls or provide food originally are still able to do so – Class Reps to check with parents.

(N.B. After the meeting it transpired that we do not have anyone to lead on this event, so a further meeting to allocate roles will be held on 13.9.16 – committee members and class reps to attend)

Cinema Night – Friday 14th October

Tickets for this will be available nearer the time. This takes place in the hall, straight after school. Children are provided with a drink and popcorn and parents are usually required to pick up around 4.45pm (time TBC).

Own Clothes Day / Cake Sale

These usually take place on the last day of each half term, or sometimes the day before if the children have something on the last day.

Dates for this term are Fri 28th Oct and Wed 21st Dec (church service on Thurs 22nd).

Spring and Summer terms will be the last day of the half term, apart from the end of the school year – Tues 25th July (Leavers' Service on Wed 26th).

Christmas Fair - Friday 2nd December 6 – 8pm

There will be a PTA meeting in November to plan for this. The raffle raises a lot of money, so any contacts that parents may have for special prizes would be greatly appreciated.

There is a social evening prior to the fair where volunteers wrap prizes and gifts, etc.

The Christmas Fair is always really well attended and is a lovely opportunity for families to get to know each other and for all to enjoy the community feel of our school.

Other dates for your diary

- School Disco – Friday 27th January 6 – 8pm (The disco takes place in the school hall and there is a refreshment stall for the children and a bar for the adults)
- Quiz Night – Friday 17th March 7.30pm (Date TBC with our regular quiz master Darren. Great night for parents, with good food and a bar)
- Family Bingo Night – Friday 28th April
- Summer BBQ – Friday 16th June (reserve date if weather is bad: Friday 14th July)

We are planning to hold a Boden evening in the spring term – date TBC.

Bag2School

Parents can donate unwanted clothes and shoes in bin bags – these are collected from school and we are paid a certain amount per weight. We do two of these per year – November and April – dates TBC.

Parents were asked to feel free to suggest any further fundraising ideas for the PTA.

Lisa Vose (Publicity Officer) will update the newsletter with event dates and this will be posted on the PTA page on the school website, along with the minutes of all meetings. Details of class reps will also be available.

140-year anniversary

This year the school will be 140 years old. There will be a special celebration on Sunday 13th November to mark this and on Friday 11th November there will be an art exhibition in school. The WI group are making a celebratory wall hanging and there will be some further events planned to commemorate this.

Library

An official opening ceremony will be held for the new school library some time over the next few weeks.

Education City

This is an educational website that all children in school have access to, funded by the PTA. We are due to renew our licence and it was agreed that we would seek to renew for 3 years, paying over two years to save money.

PTA meeting format

A vote was held on whether to alternate between morning (after school drop off) and evening meetings or whether to hold morning meetings only – the majority of attendees voted to alternate mornings / evenings.

AOB

CD reminded parents to follow school on Twitter for regular photos and reminders and encouraged parents to join the parent group on Facebook.

CD publicly thanked Claire Carter (Chair of Governors) on behalf of the school and PTA for her pivotal role in the construction of the new school library.

Carol Garner suggested a Beetle Drive as a potential fundraiser and would be prepared to lead this event.

Date of next meeting: Wednesday 5th October, Coach and Four pub, 8pm