

St Anne's Fulshaw PTA Meeting & Coffee Morning

Thursday 14 September 2017

This was the first meeting of the year and an opportunity for parents to find out about the work of the PTA and how to get involved. The meeting was attended by new and existing parents, as well as PTA committee members.

PTA co-chair Lisa Vose opened the meeting, welcoming attendees and introducing the current committee. LV gave a brief outline of how the PTA works: the school provides the PTA with a wishlist each year and the PTA then raises funds towards things such as the Education City licence, leavers' hoodies, coaches for the whole-school theatre trip, the music teacher, Global Week, Science Week, Sports Week, etc.

Money raised by the PTA in recent years has also gone towards the construction of the Egg Box (the school library). Our next big project is to resurface our outdoor play area with soft-pour rubber so the children can play on it in all weathers.

Last year we raised approximately £20,000. It was noted that within that timeframe we had two BBQs as the previous summer's BBQ was postponed until September due to bad weather.

The school bike ride has raised huge amounts for the PTA and it is hoped that this will run again this year – coordinated by Rich Taylor and Dan Gilchrist with support from Lee Molloy-Sherratt, who has organized and coordinated the bike ride for many years. Last year the bike ride raised approximately £8,000. Training usually starts in January, with the bike ride taking place in May / June.

Last year was the school's 140th anniversary and we sold bags and tea towels to commemorate this. This year we will do the Christmas card scheme again.

It is hoped that the 200 Club Lucky Lotto will raise more this year now that it has been relaunched.

Some of the fundraising is quite low key, such as the Bag2School scheme – bags for this have been sent home in book bags this week. Cake sales are run over the course of the year by each class, starting with Class 5.

Film Nights: these are good fundraisers and easy to organise – we may run more than one this year.

Our first events will be the Boden Evening (10 Oct) and Cinema Night (13 Oct). The Boden Evening is already being publicised. Clare Daniel has sent out the flyer to other local primary schools, and posters will be distributed to local supermarkets and to the WI (via Susie Withington).

Co-op community fund: We are currently one of the community projects supported by the local Co-op branch. It is hoped that we will raise about £1,000 from this by the time our funding period ends on 7 October. CD has spoken to our local Co-op branch and they are keen to continue supporting us after this time. They have offered to cover the registration cost for the Lego tournament this year and the cost of a new robot. We have been encouraged to bid for community funding again in the future.

PE and sport premium for primary schools: this year we will receive approx. £16,000, which is double the usual amount. This money has to go towards activities / equipment for keeping the children active and fit, so we will be able to put some of it towards resurfacing the outdoor play area. It will probably take about four years to raise the total needed to cover the whole of the play area, so it could be done in stages, as and when sufficient funds have been raised.

Easyfundraising: This is a good way of raising funds for the PTA when shopping online. You register with the Easyfundraising website (www.easyfundraising.org.uk) and raise money for school each time you shop via this website.

Microscooters: Parents can also raise money for school when placing orders on the Microscooters website by providing the school's URN code, which is 111287.

Corporate Funding: In recent years, one of the parents taking part in the Bike Ride has been able to get match funding up to £1,000 from his employer, Barclays. If any parents work for companies that offer match funding please let us know.

Provisional dates for this year:

Bag2School – Mon 25 Sep

Boden Evening – Tues 10 Oct

Cinema Night – Fri 13 Oct

Non-Uniform & Cake Sale (run by Class 5) – Fri 20 Oct

Christmas Fair – Fri 1 Dec 6-8pm

Non-Uniform & Cake Sale – Fri 21 Dec (TBC nearer the time whether cake sale will go ahead)

Bag2School – TBC in Jan

Disco – Fri 26 Jan 6-8pm

Non-Uniform & Cake Sale (run by Class 4) – Fri 16 Feb

Boden Event – TBC in March

Quiz Night – Fri 9 March

Non-Uniform & Cake Sale (run by Class 3) – Wed 28 March

Bag2School – TBC in April

Family Bingo – Fri 27 Apr

Non-Uniform & Cake Sale (run by Class 2) – Fri 25 May

Bike Ride – TBC in May / June

BBQ – Fri 15 June (reserve Fri 13 July)

Non-Uniform & Cake Sale (run by Class 1) – Fri 21 July

Confirmed dates for the year will be sent out shortly in the PTA newsletter.

Quiz Night: We have run a quiz night for parents for a number of years, and this has been a really fun and popular evening. Vicky Foster has offered to be the Quizmaster for the event this year, as Darren who has run this for many years has now stepped down.

Autumn grounds clear up: This usually takes place on the first Saturday after the autumn half term. Parent volunteers help tidy up the school grounds, pond, field etc.

Christmas Fair: Lettie Yates offered to make some Christmas craft items for the Christmas Fair.

PTA roles: We need a publicity officer and catering manager. Dave O'Connor has offered to help out with the catering.

Beetle Drive: This was discussed last year as a potential fundraiser and we would like to run one this year, hopefully some time around Bonfire Night (potentially Friday 3 Nov). Carol Garner, who suggested the event originally, is happy to help run this. We could serve cake and tea and have a bar (similar format to Family Bingo Night).

Class Reps this year are:

Class 1: Susie Withington and Vicky Foster

Class 2: Rachael Thomas, Bev Meyer and Sophie O'Connor

Class 3: Caroline Kelf and Nicola Coppock

Class 4: Alison Marris and Fiona Toms

Class 5: Sophie Taylor and Helen Scott-Martin

Date of next meeting: Monday 25 September, Horse & Jockey pub, 8pm