

St Anne's Fulshaw PTA Welcome Meeting – Minutes

Thursday 13 September 2018 9am, School Hall

Attendees

Emily Titley, Susie Withington, Lisa Vose, Clare Daniel, Fiona Toms, Rachael Thomas, Sophie Taylor, Vanessa Deletre-Nicolas

Part attended Amelia Bampton, Jessica Davison

Apologies

Lynn Hall, Vicky Wilson

Approval of minutes from the last meeting

The minutes of the last meeting (which are on the school website) were approved.

Emily welcomed everyone and gave a brief introduction to the school PTA and an overview of events. She stated the amount fundraised in the last academic year was £15,287. However Nicola, who was last year's Treasurer has reconciled the accounts after the meeting and the amount is around £19,000. The final figure to be discussed at the next meeting.

The class reps for this year are:

Class 1 – Lisa Vose and Rebecca Woodhawk

Class 2 – Vicky Wilson and Rachelle Argyle

Class 3 – Rachael Thomas and Caroline Kelf

Class 4 – Fiona Toms and Vanessa Deletre

Class 5 – Sophie Taylor and Alli Bennett

Secretary role for the evening meetings Mike Tetlow

Community and Grants Lead – Jessica Davison and Belinda Walmsley

Publicity Officer – vacant. Susie will check with Vicky Foster who had volunteered but has a lot of commitments elsewhere at the moment.

Alternative Funding

Emily spoke about Match Funding and explained we have lost the Match Funding that Barclays used to contribute to. James Bradley was a parent of school for many years and worked for Barclays, who matched up to the first £1000 for any fundraising he helped with each year. We need to ask parents if anyone works for a company that can offer anything like this. We spoke about potentially seeing if companies could match funds raised if their employee helped out at certain events e.g the Christmas Fair.

Susie and Emily discussed the possibility of creating a generic letter that could be distributed to all parents for everyone to send to their employers to see if their company contributed to social community responsibility.

Susie suggested on behalf of Jessica (who arrived to the meeting later on) that she had suggested looking at a 100km walk in 24 hrs. This would be to replace the 3 day bike ride. Costs would be minimal as there would be no accommodation and parents could join in at closer distances eg 50km, 20km, 5km/2 km etc where any children could join in and participate if they wish. Thus gaining sponsorship from a larger number of people and also including as many people who wish to participate as possible. It also has the wow factor of a challenge.

Emily suggested that class reps could gauge interest in how many parents would be involved. Subsequently after the meeting, Susie posted the idea on the school parents' Facebook group which has had a fair amount of interest.

Clare Daniel also suggested an orienteering activity for the children and a sponsored fun run was also suggested. Amelia also put forward the idea of an inflatable obstacle course, which we discussed. However this wouldn't be a feasible option, as we already have it as part of sports week and it is expensive to hire the equipment.

Lucky Lotto/200 Club

Peter Hall has distributed an online form to current subscribers asking if they would like to renew membership and posted on the parent group. Paper forms have also been sent out which each child and distributed via the school Flyer. The first draw is 28th September and members need to re-subscribe to be included.

Resurfacing

Clare Daniel has spoken to Pentagon who will be finishing of the third phase of the re-surfacing and are due to start work shortly. Possibly w/c 17/9. It will be a week's worth of work. This phase will cost £7200. School will be able to contribute £1800, with the PTA funding £5400, which will come from money raised from the bike ride from June.

Play equipment

Pentagon have been to look at where the old play equipment used to be. It is looking at costing £10,000 for a similar structure to what we used to have. If we have funds to pay, they have availability for November. Clare said that the school has been awarded the double sports funding which is around £8000 and she is happy to help fund the play equipment with this, but the money is also used for sports week.

We need to see how much money the PTA can allocate to fund this after allocating the money for the school wish list and paying for the final phase of the resurfacing.

Pentagon also advised that the ground where the old play equipment structure was also needs to be re-surfaced as it's uneven. Their quote was £5-6k for new astro-turf. This could be done AFTER the new equipment has been built. Emily suggested coloured soft pour rubber but this would delay the build as would need to be done prior to work starting on the play equipment. This would be the PTA's next big project to fundraise for.

Lisa suggested having some more benches in the school field and Clare said that 4 x 2.5m benches and a fire pit were being installed at the end of the month and that school was funding this.

Clare also requested that school need a water butt and Jess may have one.

Grants and Funding

Jess suggested contacting Tesco Handforth Dean and Tesco Express, Waitrose and a possible bag pack at Sainsburys.

There was discussion about contacting the company Waters about possible sponsorship for science week as any funding needs to be on a science basis.

Upcoming events

Clare had the school diary and the PTA have to work around what is a very busy academic year with science, global and sports weeks, parents' evenings, residentials and music events.

Emily has booked a Bag2school collection for 23rd October and the bags will be delivered to school around 2 weeks prior. This will be distributed with book bags as usual.

Cinema night provisionally 19th October

Non-uniform and cake sale 26th October – Class 5 to run

Winter Disco provisionally 16th Nov – Emily to see if Steve O'Connor is happy to DJ again.

Clare said that the school choir have been asked to sing at the Christmas Lights Switch On in Wilmslow on Saturday 17th November. This will be around 3-4pm

Christmas Fair - 30th November. Clare advised it would be better to have it on this date rather than the 7th Dec as the infant performances will be running that week.

Bag2school to be booked for January and a possible cinema night on 25th Jan.

15th Feb – non-uniform and cake sale led by Class 4

29th March a parents social - we need to avoid 5/6th and 13th March due to parents evening and the Big Sing/Music Festival. The school music evening will be towards the end of March. School

breaks up 4th April and we return on 23rd April.

4th April – non-uniform and cake sale – Class 3 to lead

26th April Bingo night/Beetle drive

Saturday 18th May – possible camp out at school overnight. This would be a new event and is in its early stages of infancy. Clare has asked Emily and Susie to check if the PTA has adequate insurance to cover this event. There is quite a lot of interest and offers of help from a couple of parents/dads. Sophie suggested that afternoon tickets could be a possibility for those who wouldn't want to camp overnight but to attend the daytime.

24th May - non-uniform and cake sale – Class 2 to lead

14th June – Summer BBQ

5th July – reserve BBQ date (sports week will be the first week of July so this would be after sports day?)

19th July – Non-uniform day/cake sale, class 1 to run

Other suggestions were Mother's/Father's Day gifts; Dads' curry night, possibly contact a local venue to see if we can hire function rooms etc The Coach and Four (potentially 22nd March); Fashion and Fizz ladies night; cheese and wine, Waitrose wine to come and discuss wines?

Easyfundraising was briefly discussed and the need to promote it.

Date of next meeting

Wednesday 26th September, Horse and Jockey pub, 8pm