

## PTFA Meeting Minutes 06/02/2025

In attendance- Marta, Louise, Inma, Tara Iles, Emma Sheppard, Jen Rose, Claire Winward, Tom Osman

Apologies- Caroline Petch, Carys Woolley, Grace Johnson

### 1. Events so far

A) Teddy Bear's Picnic. Event needs to be planned in advance of the start of the academic year. Proposing to plan this in July so it can take place in the first week back in September. Event information to be included in the Reception Welcome Pack was suggested. The 2024 event was too late into the start back and for the October date a Book at Bedtime event would have been more appropriate.

B) Christmas Fayre. This event was a success, it was well planned and had good flow. It was noted there was not much footfall to the stalls in the classrooms so next time people need to be pointed towards in that direction. A suggestion of broadcasting what is on via the loudspeaker or a signpost on entrance to what's where. Cash on the day worked very well, better than expected. However, the floats need to be kept separate throughout the day!!

### Fayre Stalls-

- Toy stall had too many items. Yr6 had been tasked with sorting through the items, but it wasn't thorough enough.
- Face painting in toy stall room was fine a created a good flow really. Having Yr6 altogether was lovely. Teddy tombola got rid of 200 teds!
- Games room was good with the Tuck shop in there too with an adequate amount of footfall. Games on offer were "Trains", "Candy canes with a prize" (Dilly's mum organised), "throw parcel in the box".
- Letter writing to Father Christmas was great. Really good feed through to Santa's Grotto. Jen has lots of polar bears toys leftover for pre-school Grotto presents. These will go in the school loft. **Claire to message Frances for details to book Father Christmas.** Date for this year's fayre based on Father Christmas' availability. Then talk to Mr Bath about confirming date. Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> November would be preferable as it was felt better that it was before the December Christmas rush.
- Main Hall- biscuit decorating was fab. Bottle and jam jars were super as always. Refreshments were great. It had been suggested to try a cooked turkey joint and cranberry sauce as well as hot dogs for next time, which everyone was keen to try out. Mulled wine not worth it for the cost of wine, cups and licence. Non-alcoholic mulled wine was agreed to be tried next time.

C) Christmas Discos. It was disappointing that the DJ packed up earlier than the listed end time. It was also noted there was no interaction with the children, some songs were borderline inappropriate and no Christmas tunes were played. The same DJ will probably be booked but a conversation needs to be had with him about timing and tunes.

D) Bingo was a great night. There was no picture bingo for the younger children which has worked well before. It was agreed by all that it was a very quick evening; not much time to socialise. The evening was well attended with between 60-70 people there.

E) Cake of the Week is plodding along nicely. The meat hamper is such a crowd pleaser and proves very successful time and time again. However, it was felt it should be kept to once a term so this excitement isn't watered down. It was suggested that each term there is a seasonal feature, e.g. Easter egg for Easter time?

### 3. Events coming up

F) Adult only social. A quiz night always goes down well. Previously food has been provided- big chilli/tapas plates, with tickets costing £10 each. Suggestions included Thatchers factory tour, Barn dance, Murder mystery, Sip and paint (Marta has previously enquired about this). It was agreed to get a date in before Jen leaves in July. **Jen to look into Sip and Paint and murder mystery options.** Shelley-Anne was recommended to call for a Barn Dance. It was discussed whether to have the social after the summer fete. Maybe the fete could be cowboy themed to tie into the social? This would make the most of the alcohol licence. **Tom to ask Shelley-Anne if she is willing and available.**

### 2. Where to spend money

C) Train play equipment is being replaced. However, this will be talked about within school.

#### A) Pupils Voice ideas

1. Slides on the mound. School already has slides which will fit the side of the mound. Someone just needs to prepare the ground and fit them. This has already been considered and discussed within school.

2. Tunnel through the mound.

3. Storybooks in classrooms.

4. Football nets to be fixed.

5. Outdoor drawing boards. This was agreed to be a good idea. Chalk can be washed off the boards at the end of each day. **Claire to look into outdoor drawing boards.**

6. Basketballs and new nets.

7. Eco-equipment. Tom to ask Miss Woodford what exactly is meant by this. A suggestion of wind and rain monitors was put forward.

8. New sand for the sandpit. One tonne of sand is needed to fill up new sandpit.

9. Built in trampolines. These were deemed too dangerous!

10. Giant play equipment. It was agreed giant chess and jenga pieces would be a great idea.

11. Solid concrete table tennis table. It was agreed by all that this is a really great idea. School already has paddles and balls. Jen mentioned the school she works at use theirs use all the time. After initial research a ballpark cost seems to be around £3000. Jen has found a company which has been passed on to **Tom who will look into it and feedback to school.**

Other ideas which members brought forward was to put down some astro so football can be played all year round. An eco school workshop was also suggested which could cover the whole school over one day.

All ideas need to be whittled down by Mr Bath.

B) Whole school day out. The current yr6 were the last who experienced a whole school day out. St Fagans National Museum of History ticks so many boxes. It has free entry so only the coaches need to be paid for. There is enough space there each year group can split off. The day would be for yr1-6, not Reception as they would be still be at their settling in phase. Previously the week leading up to the day out children would learn about where they were going. It was a surprise for everyone, parents included.

D) Cameras for digital devices. This is still a high suggestion on the list but there is some confusion on what exactly is wanted. This has been passed to Mr Broyd to decide on what he wants from this idea.

3. Events coming up

A) International Evening. Rachel still wants to lead this event but cannot commit right now.

B) Film Night. Timings confirmed as 17:30-19:00. The films will be shown at the same time within classrooms. Some parents will be needed to help out with KS1, especially yrR. Popcorn will be available. As tickets are being sold there is the question whether a licence is needed? Ticket can be sold to cover popcorn and a drink, not the film.... It was discussed it may make more sense to divide the event up into three groups- yr5&6, yr2,3&4 and yrR&1. There was concerns over wifi connectivity so DVDs were felt to be less troublesome. **Jen to send over age appropriate dvds from her home collection. Marta to do posters. Jen to coordinate Reception parents with helping at the event.** Limit tickets to 30 per room and then we will be able to see how many rooms to divide across.

D) Family Fun Day. It was agreed the suggested summer fete barn dance could be moved. **Tom to see if Shelly-Anne can Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> May.** It was agreed a separate meeting will have to be held to cover this event.

C) Easter hampers. There will be no cake of the week, just the hamper raffle. It was agreed the theme would be colours. Each year to be given a colour of the rainbow. Friday 4<sup>th</sup> April will be the date of the hamper draw.

E) Talent Show. A conversation needs to be had with Mr Bath to open up google classrooms so children may start uploading their audition videos. Judges to be booked are Father Frank, Mrs Bath and Nigel Osmond (PTFC).

## ANOB

What the PTFA spends money on. It had previously been suggested that the PTFA could have a page on the school website possibly detailing upcoming and previous events, annual takings, how much was raised per event and what the money is being spent on. **Tom to talk to Mr Bath about website page.**

Instagram page. Nothing has been posted for quite a while. It was agreed the whole school (via teachers) should have access to it so it may be kept up to date.

PTFA gift to yr6. Talk to Mrs Matravers specifically about a PTFA leavers present. It was agreed that as the year book cost changes each year it makes more sense for the PTFA to give a set amount each year to go towards the year books. An amount of £300 each year was suggested.

Next Meeting 13<sup>th</sup> March Matters to be discussed- family fun day, talent show, summer fete and to decide on adult social event.