



MINUTES OF THE PTA MEETING
RAF BENSON COMMUNITY PRIMARY SCHOOL
WEDNESDAY 9th October 2019

PRESENT

Jon Purchase	Chairperson (JP)
Leanne Minns	Treasurer (LM)
Debbie Watson	Secretary (DW)
Amy Laker	Deputy Secretary (AL)
Mrs Fawdry	
Tim Thorpe	
Lyndsey Stanford	
Bethany Webster	
Gemma Jones	

APOLOGIES

Annette Martin (Deputy Chair), Tara Branston, Alison MacGillvray and Nikki Bell

CHAIRPERSONS WELCOME

Jon Welcomed everyone to the meeting and thanked Lyndsey on behalf of the PTA for her hard work as Chair throughout the last academic year.

REVIEW OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

Summer Fair:

The fair this year took place on a Friday after school Camo day and was a great success raising £2002.07 for the PTA to support the school. Having it after Camo day seemed to attract non school members and made the event feel more of a whole community event. Everyone was of the opinion that we should repeat this for the next Summer Fair.

Carboot:

Sadly due to not enough interest on from stall holders this event didn't take place, it has been decided to perhaps re-visit next summer.

Coffee Mornings:

MacMillan coffee morning took place earlier this term and had good attendance, view to holding more regular similar events over the coming months.

Parish Council Grant:

At our last meeting it was decided we put this on hold until we had a specific need for monies, today it was decided when the next opportunity arises to request a grant we would request for new playground equipment.

Film Nights:

At the last meeting it was decided we would re-visit this during the winter terms. Discussed tonight and it will be a school event supported by the PTA, refreshments sold at the event. Film and date to be decided possibly before Christmas to allow parents some extra time for Christmas shopping, will discuss at next meeting.

Invoices:

Outstanding invoices from the school have all been paid, now resolved.

PTA Banner:

Ongoing issue with damage to our new banner, LM has tried to contact the supplier but not had any luck, Mrs Fawdry will keep trying to make contact and will email again to try and resolve.

HEAD TEACHERS WISHLIST

Mrs Fawdry presented JP with a letter with a request for funding for the following items:

Item	Cost	Agreed Y/N
Subscription to Annual Cross Country Races	£500	Y
Annual Subscription to ScrapStore to top up the playpod	£800	Y
£50 per class to support creative curriculum resources (8 classes)	£400	Y
£50 per class to purchase books for the reading area (8 classes)	£400	Y

Funding for 2 Young Voices coaches for choir + Year 5 and 6	£1600	Y
Puppet Man at Christmas	£500	Y
Bench Cushions for school events (ongoing from previous year)	Enquiry in	TBC
Total	£3760	

All items on the wish list were agreed to by the committee, with an increase in book spend to £100 per class, making **new total £4160**.

FUTURE EVENTS

Disco:

- Started to plan the disco for the 23rd October:
 - Charge £2 per child, including charging for siblings, this will include entry and a hotdog.
 - Tuck Shop
 - Tattoos
 - Hotdogs- we need to purchase some, suggested from Aldi as in smaller packs so potential for less waste.
- Leanne will write a shopping list and share on Facebook.
- Mr Thorpe happy to do the poster

Bingo:

- Hopefully hold another Bingo night before Christmas, Mr Thorpe happy to host with Leanne, they will look for a Friday night they are both free.
- Possibly hold in the village Hall to make a community event to hopefully attract more people.
- Bring your own drinks and refreshments as before.
- Mr Thorpe happy to do the poster.

Christmas Fair:

- To be held 27th November 4-30-6-30 PM, will be a school event supported by the PTA.
- Raffle tickets need to be ordered ASAP, Leanne and Jon will look into this, the lotto licence has been renewed. We will have a cash raffle and a hamper raffle as last year.
- Chocolate tombola prizes will be supplied by the children as part of a non uniform day, Mrs Fawdry will add to the school calendar.
- Santa- due to the success of the last couple of years we will do Santas Grotto again, Jon will speak to Nikki about having the same Santa. Discusses presents for the children and will do books again, will be ordered soon after our next meeting.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Christmas Cards:

- We will be doing the Christmas cards again this year, the children will complete their drawings and creations in class, Lyndsey happy to head this up.

Aldi Vouchers:

- School will be collecting the Aldi stickers, post to be added to the Facebook page to request any to be brought into the school office.

Bouncy Castle Instructions:

- Amy asked if it is possible for school to print and laminate the instructions for the Bouncy Castle as presently she is printing at home and has to replace frequently. Agreed and Mr Thorps is happy to laminate.

Next Meeting: 6th November 2019 @ 17:00