

PTFA meeting 13/01/21

Attendees: Jess Abba (JA) (Chair), Becca Preston (BP) (Treasurer), Rebecca Whitehead (RW) (Vice chair), Ellen Diccico (ED) (Secretary), Jemma Moorby, Helen Towler, Maggie Cole (MC), Kelly Hill, Jodie Roe, Rachel Millar.

Apologies: Kathryn Lehm, Helen Finch, Helen Dean, Aimee Williams.

JA welcomed everyone.

Previous minutes discussed.

- PTFA managed to successfully achieve some of the previous targets set between September and December.
- MC reported that the new chairs the PTFA funded were brilliant and really easy to clean and thanked the PTFA.
- Early years garden was completed yesterday. PTFA paid for the resurfacing of the early years areas. Sports funding used for new playground equipment. PTFA funded the Astroturf by the junior steps and underneath the boat being mulched. The children can now use these all year round. Need pictures of the chairs and garden to update the website. Mrs Gibson has taken some before and after pictures.
- Discussed the importance of promoting the new chairs and play areas on Facebook and the school website. BP struggling for time with Facebook. MC asked what the PTFA want on the website. She can update the website. ED can have a look at the Powerpoint. Need the recent copy of it. ED will check if she has it. MC will try to see if she can fiddle with the PTFA page. Link to the minutes on the webpage rather than sending them out by email. Might give more people incentive to put forward ideas.

Money raised between September-December 2020 £2084.76 not including match funding. Paid out £1317.94 for chairs and fundraising left PTFA balance at £8946.33. The payment for the early years garden is £6432.80. Therefore, there will still be a budget of still £2513.53 left. MC feels teachers have some ideas for activities some funds could be spent on but all will depend on COVID and when restrictions are lifted.

A.O.B- PTFA were asking if there was anything financially we can help with during the COVID lockdown. Possibly in the future re lack of devices but MC was not sure at this point. MC will look into whether the school need basic tablets with Seesaw or Tapestry on. Some are being provided by DfE and school angel. PTFA suggested they could look at cheaper tablet devices for children to use from home. BP will have a look to see how much cheaper tablets are. Discussion re chrome books and tablets. MC will know a bit better in a couple of weeks time what is needed. But feels a few tablets could be helpful.

Everyone agreed that fundraising would be difficult this term. BP suggested monthly 100 club every month feels this might be easier to admin. Once school is back open properly. Possibility of KS1 100 square and KS2 100 square was discussed. Quite a big job making sure everyone has paid and a regular arrangement might be easier to manage. Possibly advertise that that is something that might be happening in the future.

Knitted Easter character eggs discussed a local person has already started making these and PTFA will see if anyone else is available to make them for sale at Easter. Possibly easter activity packs. Easter bonnets online and easter garden competition discussed as a possibility. This is not thought of as being a fundraiser but just something fun for the children to be involved in for Easter. Discussed how we could make the eggs and packs COVID secure. This should be manageable as long as they are left untouched for the correct period of time.

Next meeting 03/03/21 on Zoom at 8pm.