

PTA Minutes

Thursday 10th November 2020

Via Zoom

In attendance:

Clare James and Jenny Dyson (Co-Chairs), Tom Brown (Treasurer), Sarah Geer (Secretary), Kate Gordon (Social Media), Anna Edwards, Beccy Berry, Lauren Albert, Jason Brown, Claire Caldwell, Laura Stinton, Judith Cartwright, Ros Green, Fiona Fardon, Emma Pretty, Anna Larkin, Lori Parkes, Rita

Apologies:

Jo Hamblett
Siobhan Martin
Penny Woollacott

Introduction

Welcome from our new committee

Co-Chairs

- Clare James - *William in Eagle (Y4) and Henry in Owl (Y1)*
- Jenny Dyson - *Grace in Eagle (Y4) and Clara in Nursery*

Treasurer

- Tom Brown - *Alex in Antelope (Y5) and Libby in Lion (Y3)*

Secretary

- Sarah Geer – *Emily in Tiger (Y3), Isaac in Owl (Y1), Louisa at Acacia nursery*

Social Media

- Kate Gordon – *Nell in Gazelle (Y5), Maggie in Tiger (Y3)*

A big thank you!

A massive thank you again to the outgoing committee who have worked tirelessly over several years and helped to raise a huge amount of money, especially Fiona Fardon, Ros Green and Penny Woollacott.

Credit to them also for handing over everything in great shape and with a healthy bank balance!

Also a huge thank you to all the PTA members, Jason and Miss White who have supported fundraising efforts (often over very many years) and helped to run all of these events – it really is a big team effort!

Spending plans

Our overall plan is to continue PTA's great work, with some short-term spending that can benefit our children right now as well as saving funds for longer term goals.

Short term spending

- A £200 donation per class to buy supplies as they need – this is particularly needed this year as cake sales (proceeds of which normally go straight to the classes) are not possible.
- A near-term priority is covering the cost of a new nursery climbing frame (currently estimated in the range of £8-9k). The existing climbing frame has been condemned and is therefore unusable. The nursery children are really suffering without being able to use their outdoor area properly. Jason is currently reviewing quotes and then there is a 6-8 week lead time after ordering.
- We need to think about playground shade in the summer term – both playgrounds will likely need shades when the weather warms up.

Long term spending

- The PTA Committee have set an objective of building on the excellent work already undertaken to help the school make progress towards the development of the playing fields.
- The development is not something the PTA can organise or fund in isolation, so our aim is to raise as much as possible towards the cost and form a working group to provide continuity over the years and identify where the PTA can contribute to the project.
- We are looking for volunteers to help join a dedicated working group, which will hopefully provide much needed continuity and expertise. Please contact Tom Brown (PTA Treasurer: CCNM.PTAT@hotmail.com) if you are able to help, especially if you have experience of making grant applications or doing large scale landscaping projects.

Fundraising so far

The Harvest Hunt was a big success, bringing in £376! A massive thank you to Laura and Tom for all their work on this. It was great to see people from outside and within the school getting involved.

Christmas Cards is also going well - more than £1000 of increased orders compared to last year!

Fundraising road-map – Autumn term

Event	Details / update	Lead	Timing
Letter and video from Father Christmas	Idea is to keep this affordable and spread a bit of magic to the kids. Design has been finalised. Now just waiting for the tech side to get up and running. Depending on level of demand for the video from Father Christmas, we may need an additional Father Christmas. Mike Albert might be able to help.	Sophie, supported by Tom Stinton and Bonnie	Launch soon

Crowd funding for nursery climbing frame	A crowd funding campaign poster and video (featuring nursery children) will be launched in the next couple of weeks to kick off fundraising for the climbing frame. Hopefully we can galvanise lots of support because people will be saving money due to Fair cancellation and Lockdown. (NB many people are suffering greatly either financially or otherwise and it's critical to acknowledge this too – no obligation to give anything!).	Jenny and Sarah	Mid w/c 16 Nov or 23 rd Nov
Family Quiz	A Family quiz has been scheduled for Sunday 22 nd November. Should be great fun and not too long.	Fiona, Glyn and Mike	Sunday 22 nd Nov, 4pm
Break the Rules Day	Plan is to charge 50p for various uniform / rule infringements. Children decide which rules they want to break and bring the correct money to school on the day.	Anna Larkin, Lauren Albert, Anna Edwards	Fri 27 th Nov
Christmas Raffle	Lori has made great progress in collecting 27 prizes and setting up an online platform to run the raffle and take payments so it will be a virtual raffle this year.	Lori	TBD but targeting early Dec

Giving to Lunch Bowl

Christmas presents for the children	Each child to receive a chocolate coin and donation to Lunch Bowl as a small Christmas gift.	Emma and Lauren; Fiona to put them in touch with Denise	End of term
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Fundraising road-map – Spring term

Event	Details / update	Lead	Timing
Sponsored climb for the nursery climbing frame	Children and parents will be invited to join the climb and get sponsored for the steps they take. They can aim to reach the top of the New Malden Tower, the Shard, or more ambitious targets (eg Ben Nevis or even Mount Everest!), either in groups or individually. Children can simply climb a step in their living room, a flight of stairs at home, or identify an outdoor hill / flight of steps to climb. The challenge will be designed to make it easy for both younger and older children to join in and have fun!	Jenny	Early Jan

SEOUL partnership boards	SEOUL need an event to be physical rather than virtual in order to be able to put up the boards and give sponsorship funds (same with Curchods who also usually sponsor the fair). Therefore we will have to postpone their involvement until we have a physical event (perhaps a poetry competition or Easter egg hunt?)	Volunteer identified in Lion class. Sophie to touch base with her.	Spring / summer term
Easter egg hunt	Plan to replicate successful Easter egg hunt from last year	Laura	Easter
Another quiz?	Could add another quiz if lockdown continues	TBD	TBD
Easter Fair / favourite aspects from the fair	If it looks like this might be legal, it could be worth organising an event where some of the favourite aspects of the Christmas Fair happen in the Spring: eg a secret wrapping room (could coincide with Mother's Day?), face painting, jolly jars etc.	TBD	TBD
Sports Hero Day?	Children invited to come to school dressed as Sports Heroes?	TBD	TBD

Fundraising road-map – Summer term

Event	Details / update	Lead	Timing
Tea towels	Make a tea towel per class / year with pictures of each of the children (drawn by themselves) on the tea towel	Anna and Beccy	TBD
Sponsored run	Get kids involved in a sponsored run / cycle	TBD	TBD
Summer Fair	Hopefully it can go ahead!	TBD	TBD

Other fundraising ideas / other thoughts

Clare is looking into an online marketplace where we can sell items that we would have donated to the Christmas fair (or experiences, such as PT sessions, or cake baking etc) and all the proceeds from the sale will go to the school.

Could consider cake sales where cakes are baked to order and collected from houses.

Sarah to chat to Corpus Treasurer to find out which online platform Corpus PTA uses and to see if they have good ideas we can replicate.

Sarah to pull together an "introducing the PTA" leaflet. All PTA organisers: please send a photo of yourself to Sarah.

Social Media

We have an Instagram feed! (thanks Kate!): @christchurchprimarypta

Also please check out our Facebook page: Christ Church Primary PTA

Next Meeting

Proposed date of Wednesday 9th December.