

PURPOSE

General meeting

AGENDA TOPICS

1) Attendees and apologies

In attendance - Miss McCurrie(NM), Sophie Mazingarbe(SM), Katie Buckingham(KB), Lindsey Kelly(LK), Sandy Langley(SL) and Jenny Sykes(JS)

Apologies - Chris Cooney, Carla Abbott, Kyle McCartney and Sam Samuel

2) Approval of last meeting's minutes

Approved

3) Christmas money update

JS updated the group on the money raised at Christmas through the fair, Christmas card orders and the sale of chocolate at the Carols around the Tower event. Money came to £1015.64 which was £15 higher than previously stated because of late payments in the school office.

4) Christmas fair - What went well / Even better if...

LK has spoken to volunteers from the fair to ask WWW and EBI... LK shared the feedback with the group:

- better booking system for Santa at the fair, maybe sell tickets on the door and allocate a time slot
- sell tokens somewhere else, a more obvious place
- Santa was amazing!
- lots of general praise for the event and the organisation, especially at the set up
- make the site plan bigger and stick to a wall for volunteers to clearly read at set up
- share an odd jobs list for volunteers at set up
- if possible, add a savoury option for food
- offer a child's size portion
- split timings for volunteers
- uniform doesn't sell. SL not even able to give it away.
- Santa set up - best they've seen.

Comments were discussed and most are very easy to remedy. Splitting timings for volunteers would be great, but would need more volunteers. Secondhand uniform needs some thought - money-saving and better for the planet, but families are still reluctant to take. Need to find out a way to encourage families to take items!

5) Disco

If possible, we would like to put on a disco for the children in the run up to February half term, w/c 12.2.24. NM to check that Mrs Ward is not doing a disco for RE resources, as she has done in previous years. OOSC has moved into the hall now, as well as OOSC mobile. NM to speak to Clare C at OOSC to see if there would be a night when we could possibly use the hall, perhaps a night with the least amount of bookings. A disco after OOSC has finished is not an option as it would be too late. Using another venue would not work either. One price for entrance, drink, snack and face paint has been suggested to save children having to come with cash. All liked this idea. £4 / child? Unlimited squash to be offered. We have plenty of

stock for the disco left from Christmas. Small amounts of stock would need to be purchased. JS said that Mark Sykes would do the disco. Bookings via school interviews if possible. EY & KS1 followed by KS2 after with a 15 minute turnaround. NM to check timings from previous discos.

6) Fig pie update

LK explained how the Tower Trust have asked if we would like to take on the refreshments for Fig Pie this year. Happy to do this. The space would be ours, so if we had enough volunteers, we could offer more (tombola, face paint etc.) We would ask for cake donations from the village. Date is 8th June 2024.

7) Soap

SM and LK shared information about a soapbox race taking place in Crewe on 14th July. They would like to enter the race to promote the school / PTA and raise money. SM and LK are happy to make the cart. Children at school would be involved in naming the vehicle, maybe the design. The completed cart could be brought into school / to the Fig Pie to promote. Entrance fee is £150 +VAT. SL pledged £50 towards it. LK to speak to engineers she knows to see about funding / help.

8) AOB

- NM shared a request from Mrs Burns for mini whiteboards for Reception, years 1, 4, 5 & 6. NM says they are approx. £1 each. 30 x 5 classes = 150 needed. All happy for school to order and PTA to pay.
- NM shared an idea for the next big project. The Reception garden needs some TLC. The spongy path is in need of replacing and the area generally needs landscaping. Mrs Ward is currently getting some quotes together, so these will be shared at a future meeting.
- LK has a quote for leavers hoodies for year 6. The most they will cost is £20 / head.
- LK said that lots of people have been asking about fireworks. KB agreed that she has had lots of people asking about them. All happy to go ahead. Will check a suitable date at the next meeting.

9) Next Meeting

28th February - 4pm. Room tbc. nearer the time.

10) Thank you

Meeting ended at 5:10pm. Meeting chaired by LK. Minutes taken by JS.