

Friends Of Thirsk Community Primary School



Thirsk Community Primary PTA Annual Meeting 9th October 2017 at 2:30

Present: Sara Goodall, Lisa Webster, Julie Fitzgerald, Donna Bowman, Vicky Frost, Jaime Ellis, Adam Cooper, Jayne Dickinson, Kelly Almond, Sarah Leete, Emily Tait, Rachel Lamb, Justine Derbyshire, Kate Mountford, Mr Chandler.

Apologies: Charlotte Pearson, Claire Moore. Oliver Dixon's grandad (via Charlotte) is willing to help out where he can.

Julie - welcomed all members (old and new), gave a brief description of what the PTA does, including main events such as Summer and Christmas fayres along with school discos and non-uniform days for the children every term.

It was also explained what the PTA does with the money - over the past few years it has gone towards new learning pads for the children to use at school, school PE kits, the stock of school uniform that is held at school, help towards the updating of the school Wi-Fi system, the pantomime trip that the whole school goes on every Christmas. At Christmas every child in school receives a Christmas present from "Santa" which are bought and wrapped by the PTA.

Finance

Sara explained that at the moment the PTA currently has £5,664 in the Santander account, bearing in mind the pantomime is coming up and roughly costs around £2,000.

The accounts are audited every year due to the amount of money raised; this is arranged by Claire Moore who also arranges the raffle tickets free of charge.

Lisa brought up that there is a lack of teacher helpers on the committee PTA – Mr Chandler is to raise this at a staff meeting to encourage teacher to get involved.

Marketing & Events

Discussed adding people onto the Friends of TCP Facebook chat group. People currently added are Kelly, Jayne, Jaime, Vicky, Emily, Adam, Sarah. Justine doesn't have Facebook so Lisa will keep her updated via WhatsApp.

Julie suggested that every class takes it in turns to have a cake stall and the money raised from each cake stall goes directly back to that class.

The date for the pantomime this year is Thursday the 14th December.

It was discussed that we set up a meeting for June/July time to discuss potential roles for the new year (2018) due to some members moving on as their children will no longer be at Thirsk school.

Date for the disco this term will be the 3rd November and it will be bonfire themed.
KS1 will be 1:20 till 2:20pm

KS2 will be 2:20 till 3:20pm

TBC - what the juniors will be doing, possibly activities with Simon Carson's or a disco.

Lisa and Donna mentioned about the lower KS2 still having a disco as they all still enjoy it and upper KS2 doing something else - Mr Chandler is going to discuss with teachers and report back to us.

Mr Chandler mentioned that a film night had been previously discussed at other meetings - it is ok with the insurance as long as there would be a teacher present.

This will take place over two nights, one for infants and one for juniors. The children will be given the option of three films and will vote to choose the winning film choice. The PTA are happy to put refreshments on for this and there has been a new projector fitted in the hall so it should be a good night!

The Christmas fair date has been set to Friday 8th December and it will also be a non-uniform day for the children.

Lisa proposed that the cost of holding a stall should be increased from £10-£15 – this was agreed by the committee.

Lisa is to send out a message on a local Facebook site that has lots of local crafts people on, we would like to see if we can get some interest from new people to attend the fair.

Lisa to confirm with Andrew that he will be Santa for the grotto this year.

Stalls that normally come along are:

The old sweet shop, Arty Party, Tatty Teddy, Lisa Hoffet (selling home decor things) the chocolate Tombola, the bottle Tombola and the raffle.

Adam kindly volunteered his wife Jane to come along and run the candy floss stall (Jane brings everything and runs the stall all night).

Kate Mountford is to contact Clare at the pantry to see if she would be willing to make us a Christmas cake for guess the weight.

New refreshment ideas brought up by Adam include having mince pies and gingerbread men.

The Carol concert will be held in December serving non-alcoholic mulled wine, hot chocolate and mince pies – this will be held outside. Vicky has a gazebo that the school can borrow if the weather is bad. Possibly ask the glee club to sing as well as any other students who would like to join in. Also discussed asking the Royal British legion to come along and play their instruments.

Agreed with all that next meeting (to discuss the Disco) will be on Friday the 20th October at 2:30. Mr Chandler is happy to try free up some teachers for 20 minutes to allow them to come to the meeting.