PTA Meeting Date: 22nd February 2024

Time: 2pm

Location: The Sunshine Cafe

Agenda

1. Welcome / Apologies

2. General update by Chair

3. Treasurer's Report - a summary:

Bank balance £
Petty cash balance £
Wellbeing hub balance £

4. Calendar of Events

Recent Activity

Bake Sales*:

Diamond Class raised £258 on the 12th October.

Emerald Class raised £288 on the 23rd November.

Jade Class raised £258 on the 1st February.

- The Pumpkin Decorating competition raised £6 after prizes were bought.
- The big pre-Christmas clear-out led by CG raised £160.
- Penny wars began 1st November 2nd February 2024 raised £98.81 raised of £400 previously will give this event a break for next year any ideas for substitutes?
- Neon Disco led by SP raised £1,105 with 160 students attending.
- Christmas Shop raised £697 As well as parent donations which were brilliant, we also received donations from Goupie chocolates & Mrs T potts sweets.
- Christmas Carol Afternoon raised £276 AG able to get donations from her work which has been a huge help - 50/50 raffle raised £66.50

2024 Events

- 2024 challenge ongoing
- Bake sales* Class reps to sort out volunteers & donations

Moonstone class Thursday 29th February

Ruby class on Friday 19th April

Amber class await date

Topaz class on Thursday 6th June

Spring disco on Thursday 21st March - Kester notified of date for speakers & lights.
 Sarah has generously offered to donate hot dogs again. Volunteers needed



Need to order tuck shop items - candy floss always sells! Have ordered items for the toy stall - items that sold well previously and some new things (light up hair scrunchies, glow headbands, suction toys, glow squishy toys, foam glow sticks & light up rings)

- MC to organise song requests with children (one per child)
- We will change the timings slightly so that KS2 starts & finishes 15 mins early as a 30 min gap between them is too long for people picking up KS1 & dropping off KS2.
- Parent quiz night & 'Big Spring Raffle' draw on Saturday 23rd March;
 Decided not to do food or alcohol at the quiz night as this was not worthwhile last time.
 £7.50 ticket includes a light snack & people can bring their own drinks. Would be great to get as many people to come as possible, family & friends welcome too!
 Raffle tickets went home with parents before half term & continue to be available from the office & online.
- Egg decorating competition 25th March Similar to pumpkin competition, children to decorate boiled egg, can also decorate a 'scene' if they like (e.g humpty dumpty decorated egg sitting on wall etc)
- Ice cream sales if the sun is shining! We can move the dates if not. Volunteers needed
 - Friday 14th June
 - Friday 21st June
 - Friday 12th July
- Sports day tuck shop Thursday 13th June Volunteers needed
- Summer fair & year 6 leavers (in morning) 28th June 3.15pm 5pm Kester notified of date & Sarah & Russ have offered food truck use with the profits raised going to the PTA. Volunteers needed
 - See seperate summer fair sheet

Things to consider/discuss

- Any new fundraising ideas that you would like to suggest or organize to supplement or replace existing? All ideas welcome!!
 - How about a 'break the rules' day in the last week of term/last day? Donations of 50p for each rule broken/£2 to break them all? Things like 'no crazy hair/no eating pudding before lunch/no own clothes/no cuddly toys in class etc.' Not sure if this has been suggested before & vetoed?

Have also been thinking about how events could be run so that parents can pay in advance & children don't have to handle cash.

- Money saving card? Pros; parents can 'load' money in advance of events, children not losing coins, less cash to handle at events. Cons; Time associated with playground parents loading of cards as could not be done at school office, cost & time to make cards, children could still lose cards!

^{*} Class bake sale funds go to the class all other fundraisers go to PTA to distribute in collaboration with school

5. PTA spending:

PTA funding 2023/2024 year so far:

- Young voices choir t shirts £218 (41 children & 4 staff)
- Art resource for quiet area at lunch x
- Whiteboard pens for all classes £62.40
- Educational workshops £247.50 for Y1,2 & 5.
- Small Christmas gift for each student £242.74
- Wellbeing welcome spend of approx £685 (Not including Amazon donation of £118)

Requests for spending

• Christmas nativity outfits - to look out for

Focus this year is to ensure we have enough to cover coach costs going forward - need to collaborate with the school early in the year so that we know costs and can plan fundraising accordingly.

Upcoming PTA funding 2023/2024 year:

- Year 6 leavers hoodies (£10 per child)
- One educational workshop per class R & Y4

6. AOB:

- Tesco Stronger starts grant applied for playground equipment await news
- Grant application for wellbeing hub through kent community foundation completed -Decision will be in March.
- Do we have any parents who have matched funding through their work? Some may be unaware they have this but worth checking & utilizing where we can! Please check with your employer if you are unsure they might surprise you!
- Promote easyfundraising Any new easyfundraising app downloads in February will give £2 to the PTA with no spend necessary.

NEXT PTA MEETING – First Thursday of term 18th April 2024