

Uplands PTA Annual General Meeting

October 2022

Thank you so much to everyone who attended and to those who were unable to attend but have offered their time and support over the coming year.

Budget and Contributions

Sophie (our PTA Treasurer) provided a summary of the last year:

Raised:

The PTA raised £4060.46 last year through some great fundraising events including:

- The Autumn Fair
- The Christmas online Prize Draw
- The Christmas Disco
- The Christmas Collection with Mince Pies at the school carol singing
- The Easter Disco
- Selling Ice Creams
- The Summer Sizzle
- The Online Summer Prize Draw
- The Pub Quiz
- The Easter Fair

Contributed:

The PTA contributed funds of £4098.60 to support the school and children with:

- Fizz Pop
- The Snow Queen
- Books
- Gloucester Climbing Wall Trip
- Leavers Hoodies

Budget:

The PTA currently has £4052.83 in the bank.

Planning For This Year (Contributions)

Leavers Hoodies:

A contribution of 50% of the cost of Leavers Hoodies was agreed.

Discussion around the best time to order these as some parents have requested that they come a little earlier.

Plan:

Ella will manage the ordering

Ordering will take place for Hoodies to arrive after Easter

PTA will contribute 50%

Christmas:

Discussion around what would be most enjoyable and affordable for the children this year. Consideration of a trip to the Pantomime – unfortunately the Subrooms' show this year is outside of term time. However, next year this is expected to change and may become a great option. Previous years have seen a trip to the Everyman Theatre at Cheltenham but this has been at great cost. Discussion around the option of having a theatre company coming to the school. Also, what other Christmas events take place locally that would be suitable for a school trip – possibly a cinema trip to see a Christmas Film.

Plan:

Meg – approach The Vue Cinema in Stroud

School & PTA - Further exploration required regarding options and costing for Christmas show / trip

Enrichment Week

The school are looking to re-introduce the Art Exhibition as part of Enrichment Week in March this year. Requested a contribution to materials and possibly inviting local artists to come into school. PTA agreed that we would be happy to contribute funds.

Plan:

School to inform PTA of costing once this is confirmed.

Playground

The refurbishment of the playground is a particular focus this year. The school have already raised the fantastic amount of £1675 through the Rainbow Fun Run. Mr

Powell set out some initial ideas for the refurbishment and that the school is keen to involve parents in the planning.

Discussion around potential focussed fundraising options including Tesco community funding (through token voting) and Co-Op community funding project. Also, consideration of the possibility of including the wider community through linking in with the Uplands Hub.

Plan:

Josie - will approach Tesco, Waitrose and Co-Op

Meg – will approach Lindsay from the Uplands Hub

PTA have pledged at least £2000 a year for the next 3 years for the Playground refurbishment.

Stroud Book Festival:

The PTA raised the question as to whether the Stroud Book Festival could be a trip this year rather than a virtual event in-school. Discussion around the costing. School happy to support this if the PTA will fund the extra cost.

Plan:

PTA to fund.

Parents may be asked to make a small donation towards this (possibly £2).

Planning For This Year (Fundraising)

Christmas Disco

Discussion regarding timing of this and agreement to make it more of a 'whole school' event. To tie in with Christmas Jumper Day.

Plan:

Martin & Joe – organisation and DJ

Thursday 8th December

5:30 PM – 7:00PM (Merlins arrive 5:30PM; the rest of the school arrive 6:00PM)

Christmas Online Prize Draw

This has been a successful fundraising effort in the past. Plan to tie in with the Christmas Disco.

Plan:

Josie & Meg – to approach businesses for vouchers etc. for the prize draw

Josie – to set up the Prize Draw online

Winners to be drawn on 8th December

Christmas Cards and Tea Towels

Discussion around the children designing Christmas cards for sale. This would need to be structured in school and would benefit from parent helpers support. Also discussed the sale of tea towels with children's self portraits. These have been over ordered in the past. Decision that parents would need to pre-order to prevent over ordering. Discussed the idea of allocating half a day to complete both card designs and tea towel drawings.

Plan:

Ella – to discuss with teachers the best way to approach / if feasible

Carol Singing and Mince Pies

This was an enjoyable and successful event last year. Discussion around where it would be best to hold this as previous years have utilised the hall. Last year the children sang in the playground which provided more room and worked well. Possibility of holding an event afterwards at the Fountain Pub with a Christmas tombola.

Plan

To be held on the last day of term – Friday 16th December (1:00PM-2:00PM)

Josie/Meg - approach Co-Op for mince pies

PTA – consider and potentially organise event at the Fountain Pub afterwards

Pub Quiz

This was a very enjoyable event last year but would benefit from wider advertising and the inclusion of the broader community.

Plan:

Rach – to book the Vic for the pub quiz (Thursday 23rd March)

Josie – approach Joe to be quiz master again

Martin – organise the writing of the quiz questions

Cake Sales

Discussion around the introduction of more regular cake sales. One idea was to have the different classes to host a cake sale each month.

Plan:

Halloween Cake Sale on Friday 21st October (3:20PM).

Valentines Cake Sale to be planned for February

Easter Fair

To be planned in collaboration with Playgroup. Ideas include an easter egg hunt, easter tombola, games, pre-loved uniform sale, crafts etc.

Plan

A team of about 5 volunteers will be needed – we have Martin & Ben/Amy so far

Ella – put out a call for volunteers

To take place Thursday 30th March at 3:30PM

Summer Sizzle

This was a great success last year and there was no obvious loss of attendance or funds raised by having the sizzle on a Friday after school (as opposed to the weekend). Possibility of having an event at the Fountain Inn afterwards for the Prize Drawer. Discussion regarding The Monkey Trail, which has previously been a successful fundraiser through sponsorship.

Plan:

To take place Friday 30th June at 3:30PM

Ella – talk with school staff about how they might like to contribute to games etc.

Josie & Meg – Prize Draw

Martin – happy to be involved again but will need a good team of helpers.

Sophie – look into organising The Monkey Trail