

PTA AGM - November 2021

Thank you so much for coming along to the PTA AGM last week - it was a really positive and productive meeting. I have summarised what we discussed and plans for next steps below.

PTA main aims are twofold:

- Fundraising for the school (School can provide a wishlist but PTA ultimately decide on how money gets spent)
- Putting on events and special activities for the children of the school

These 2 main aims often compliment each other.

We currently have £4749.97 in the account (this includes £470 income from Autumn Craft Fayre).

From this, we have committed:

£395 for Merlins Mud Kitchen

£1000 for new school books

£620 for in school panto plus refreshments for children (see below)

£100 for Christmas crackers for School Christmas meal

This leaves us with £2634.97 remaining

Below is an outline of the plan moving forwards:

November - December 2021

- 2020 / 2021 Tea Towels for sale - Ella to send a message out to parents and Caz to sell to any takers
- School disco to be held on Thursday 2nd December - Martin to lead on this - Martin - do you want to send round an update and shout out if you need helpers? Ella mentioned to me that she knows of a potential DJ if that's useful? Otherwise - playlist and disco lights? So far helpers available on the night are = Hester, Lizzie and Imogen
- Christmas Prize Draw - Josie to organise online prize draw but everyone agreed to help find prizes (ideally in the form of vouchers) Megan was going to ask around town, Imogen agreed to donate a bouquet of flowers, Martin agreed to ask Lansdown Road Motors for a free MOT. Plan to go live with the prize draw next week - Mon 29th November, with prizes drawn on Wednesday 15th December. **Please can everyone help me pull prizes together by this Saturday so that I can set up online over the weekend?**
- School have confirmed a panto coming in to perform to all children on Thursday 9th December (The Snow Queen)- they don't need help from PTA for this but PTA have agreed to cover the cost of the show and refreshments for all children, coming to a total of £620
- PTA have also agreed to provide Christmas crackers for the school Christmas dinner on Wednesday 8th December - Linda was looking into purchasing these, but I can pick that up if needs be. We discussed at the meeting, having a greener commitment moving forwards, so if everyone is happy (and assuming crackers haven't already been purchased) I will aim to get plastic free and fully recyclable crackers this year.
- Christmas shows - the school have decided to split KS1 and KS2 Christmas shows this year so there will be performances on both the 14th and 15th December (2pm and 6pm) - the school will be selling tickets to parents that includes a glass of mulled wine and a mince pie - **they have asked if PTA members would help them to serve these? Please let me know if you can help out on either or both days.**

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January - April 2022

- Second hand Uniforms - Currently Linda has uniform items and rails but no formal system for selling / passing on - we talked about maybe having a stall once a month for parents to purchase second hand uniform items. Hester said she would be up for taking this role on - but would need support if running a stall of some kind.
- Pub Quiz - we talked about hosting a pub quiz for parents, teachers, friends etc - Rachael is happy to look into this and has already spoken to the Queen Vic about them hosting - **we talked about February as an option but need to set a date - any thoughts? Thursday before half term? (17th Feb)**
- Cake sale - we talked about an Easter themed Cake Sale which could also possibly have a stand at Stroud Market, Ella kindly spoke to Noah regarding a market stall - he has passed on his Dad's email address and said that there will be no charge for the stall which is great - we just need to confirm a date - maybe the first Saturday of the Easter holidays? Saturday 9th April - **anyone up for taking a lead on this activity?**
- Easter Fair at school - we talked about this being after school on Friday 1st April - Martin agreed to take the lead but definitely needs a couple of people to support in the planning - **any volunteers? (maybe a couple of other Merlins parents?)**
- Parent sponsored events - encouraging parents to take on individual (or group?) sponsored events for the school

May - July 2022

We didn't have time to discuss this in details so need to return to it, but generally discussed:

- Online Summer prize draw
- Summer fair
- Ice Cream Sales
- Sports event / obstacle course for parents - children design obstacle course at Uplands playing fields and adults pay to enter and / or Crazy Golf
- Trail? More Uplands School themed version of the monkey trail (related to the School's vision)
- Disco for children
- Possible summer show trip (Giffords?) for Children

Sept - December 2022

- Tea towels (we talked about doing these every other year)
- Christmas Cards
- Autumn / Christmas Fayre
- Panto - can we convince Sub Rooms to start their panto in school term in 2022?

We agreed to meet every other month.

If others would like to join / help with PTA, can they please send me their email and phone number?