

CPTA School Meeting 24/01/2017

Chair: Lisa Tarr

Attendees: Lisa Tarr, Honorata Austin, Jennie Palfrey, Emma Hobday, Emily Armitage, Lindsey Carpenter, Carol Winstone, Mrs. Urquhart, Mrs. holding, Mr. Burton

Apologies: Vikki White, Fiona & Richard Narramore

A Meeting was held in school on Tuesday 24th January at 3.45pm.

This meeting was an opportunity for parents to come along and find out about the PTA, how it works, how funds are made and spent and how they could get involved and help raise needed funds for their children and school.

Out of a possible 256 pupils including the pre school children we had 13 parents attend, 3 teachers and 7 PTA members.

Mrs Urquhart thanked everyone for giving their time up to attend this meeting and then handed over to Lisa. She introduced herself and other members of the PTA team as follows:

Chairperson: Lisa Tarr

Co Chair: Emma Hobday

Treasurer: Jennie Palfrey

Co Chair: Emily Armitage

Secretary:

Co Secretary: Vikki White

Press Officers: Fiona & Richard Narramore

Lisa explained that we had introduced class ambassadors. This was someone who would liaise with the teacher and feed any information that didn't have to be put into a formal letter to parents of that class.

Also any new parent that started in the class would be made aware of what happens within the school and would be able to ask the class ambassador any questions.

Class Ambassadors are as follows:

Pre School: Lindsey Carpenter, Cath

Rainbow: Jennie Palfrey, Emily Armitage

Green: Emma Hobday

Yellow: Lisa Tarr

Orange: Stacey Heath, Helena

Red: Carol Winstone, Helen Olsen

Purple: Claire Glover

Thank you to those that volunteered to be the ambassadors of orange, red and purple class.

Jenni then went on to speak about funds. She explained that since September 2016 the PTA have managed to raise just over £1900 from the following events:

Bags for schools £125

Disco £250

Curry night £700

Christmas Cards £215

Christmas fete £620

She explained that every year the PTA gives each class including the pre school £300. This is used to put towards school trips, swimming lessons, new equipment and other resources'. This means that children are able to go on trips and parents are able to give a reduced donation towards these events. Without the funds being raised it may mean that trips and swimming lessons would have to stop or

parents would be asked to pay a higher donation so its really important for everyone that the PTA are able to keep doing these events. This is only possible with the continued help of everyone.

The PTA this year has also been able to give Mrs. Holding £1000 towards the new library for the school. The Library is going to have a permanent home in the Redman room. Mrs. Holding will be having a meeting on the 27th February with people from the Babcock centre who will advise about the best way to set the library up and what is needed.

It was explained that each class can also give us their wish lists and it's the PTA as a whole that decide on how the money will be spent. As well as all of the above we provide Christmas crackers for the school Christmas lunch and money goes towards the leavers event that is held each year.

Jenni then handed back over to Lisa who then went onto speak about the events we normally hold throughout the year. This year we really would like to add some new events and some old ones will not be going ahead due to lack of volunteers and support.

Events: Disco at Halloween
Christmas Fete
Disco at valentines
Mothers Day/ Fathers day event
Easter eggstravaganza
Summer fete/ Mini Festival
Sports Day

We will not be running the donkey derby this year. This is due to lack of attendance and feedback that we have received. We are how ever going to try to introduce a new event that will be based on the county show. This will hopefully bring in new things such as demonstrations throughout the day, entertainment for all, refreshments and much much more. We would also like to make sports day a larger family friendly event. We would like to be able to offer refreshments, entertainment, and hold a pre loved uniform sale. A shared picnic was also suggested.

We will not be holding a disco at valentines this year this is again due to lack of helpers and feedback that we were given from the teachers.

Parents that came along were then asked to give their ideas about any events that could be improved on, any new ideas and any other comments they would like to give. They're some really good ideas that have all been taken on board and some great feedback as well.

The meeting was ended by Lisa thanking everyone for coming along and explaining that being involved in the PTA doesn't mean you have to come along to every meeting but if you could help by just Pledging 30 minutes of your time throughout the year be that helping set up an event or manning a stall or by coming along to offer help in any way that you could it would be most appreciated. Meetings will be held in the Pre school building on the last Tuesday of every month starting from Tuesday 31st January this one will be at 7.15pm and then the following one will be the last Tuesday in February which will then be an early meeting 3.45pm. You are very welcome to come along and if you would like to bring your child along to the early meeting then they will be able to stay with you in the pre school building. The one after that would be at the later time and so on.

We do have a Facebook page, which is coppelstone PTA so please have a look at this and like and share our page. We will also be putting a suggestion box in the school entrance next to the office and you can see your class ambassador if you have any other questions.

We are hoping to get the emails set up shortly so we can keep you all informed of any new events and things going on.

We wanted to say a very big thank you to Mrs. Alton & Mrs. Henderson for looking after the children in the film club and a big thank you to you for taking the time to read this and we really hope that you will be able to help us by pledging 30 minutes of your time because if we all do that it really will make a difference.