

PTA Meeting Monday 18th January 8pm The Church House Inn

Present – Betise Dixon, Maria Stewart, Anna Tappenden, Becky Green, Ric Cotton, Kelly Higgins, Faye Daley

Apologies – Mel Walker, Charlotte Simpson, Susan Lovick, Laraine Wright, Angela Coates, Rosie Watkins, Liz Donlon, Sarah Boustead, Anna Acda

1. The minutes of the last meeting were approved.

2. The Playground

Broken Playground Equipment

One of the pieces of equipment in the main playground is broken. The base is moving in the ground and the metal on one side is warped. The company who originally installed it no longer sell metal play equipment. **Betsie** to ask the company who surfaced the area underneath for quotes for a new piece of equipment and then report back with the choices.

Green metal benches

These benches are currently in a muddy area under the trees and get covered in bird mess. Betsie has discussed with the school and Alan (Health and Safety) the possibility of moving them to the edge of the playing field, next to the hall. We have permission to move them. Betsie could ask the playground company for a quote to move them. Failing that, this would have to be done by volunteers in a working party.

Willow Structure

Unfortunately the willow structure in the main playground has never recovered from the wind damage it sustained shortly after it was installed and it will need to be removed. **Faye** has suggested that gardening club could set up a wigwam to grow runner beans or sunflowers in its place.

Gardening Area

Faye will arrange a working party to install more raised beds.

3. Film Night Date

Friday 26th February 6pm, suggested film: Hop.

Maria to check the date with school admin and send out letter before half-term.

4. Event – Saturday 12th March 2016

It was agreed that instead of a March Toy Sale we would organise a **car boot sale**. **Betsie and Maria** to measure the playground to calculate the maximum number of cars. We decided to charge £10 a car in advance, £12 on the day. **Anna T** to send publicity emails. **Faye** to design a poster. **All present** at the meeting offered to help on the day. We discussed refreshments: cakes

and hot drinks to be sold from a gazebo near to the school so the urn can be plugged in outside. It was suggested that, if we have enough helpers, bacon could be cooked on a gas barbecue for bacon butties.

5. Request for funding – Foyer Art Work

The PTA has been asked to fund a piece of art work for the foyer to replace the existing 'stained glass window' display. We have been quoted £100 for materials plus an unknown fee. The artist would be Beth, one of the trainee teachers who was in Class 1 last year. We decided that more information was required to make a decision on funding. We would like to ask:

- What are the plans?
- Would the children be involved?
- What would be the benefits to the school?
- How much is the fee?

6. Lunchtime play equipment

Betsie has investigated purchasing goal posts for the playground. This would benefit the older children in the school who like to play football at lunchtimes. The goals are around £170 each and would be portable but sturdy. This purchase was agreed.

It was also decided that this year's Sainsbury's active kids vouchers will be used for play equipment appealing to the younger children.

7. Poacher's Inn Quiz Night – Sunday 31st January 2016 8:30pm

We still need raffle prize donations – **Maria** to email parents again.

8. Bayleaf Meal

The Bayleaf Lounge Indian Restaurant have offered to do a fundraising meal where part of the profit goes to the PTA. **Anna T** investigate details and arrange.

9. Federation Bags For Life

We have around 15 left to sell. **Betsie** to investigate displaying one in reception to encourage people to purchase.

10. Gardening Club

To start back after half-term. **Maria** to arrange emails to those on the waiting list.

11. Next Meeting – Thursday 3rd March at 8pm in The Bull's Head.