



Meeting 24th January 2023

Attendees:

Committee: Jess Watson, Di Marsh, Georgia Cooke, Anna Hawker, Emma D'Aubyn & Jane Stagg

Parents: Emma Hurd, Becca Nelson, Sophie Hargreaves, Hannah Pearson, Emma Longridge, Bryony Buckle, Zoe Wilson, Caroline Quinn, Laura (apologies if anyone is missed!)

Apologies: Dan Keates

Welcome by Jess (chair)

Great to see so many people in attendance, thanks to the crown pub for reserving us an area.

Add new people to whatsapps - we feel all years are covered on the whatsapp group but if anyone wants to be part of the PTA general info whatsapp then feel free to join by [this](#) link

Financial update - shared hard copy, soft copy will be uploaded to website

Amazon smile is changing. Amazon will now be directing money raised to THEIR designated charity/ies. We are due one more payment, thanks for everyone's support in linking our charity to their account.

Bank update, it's taken ages to get the new account up and running so we are in a position to make payments following Mike Snook's removal. Dan Keates, Di Marsh and Jess Watson have been added.

Purchasing update

Shed - £1,500

Books - £500

£100 per class teacher - £2,100

Stockings & Sundries - £500

SEN - Lego in each class, sets and free lego £200

£1,600 still to be banked will leave us approximately £10k. We retain £1k to provide deliverables to make next events happen.

Proposed purchases:

Mr Norcott was investigating the installation of a Playpod scheme. Looks great but the practicalities and the revenue do not meet expectations so this is off the table. As an alternative, Super Pirates is going to be investigated as they also work with schools to deliver similar materials and learning.

Dan Keates - Let's support Science in science week

School would like to hire a Science Dome filled with activities and resources to ignite some focus on the practical side of science with a true hands-on approach. **Voted and approved.**

Mr Norcott - Technology request for money

School would like to spend £6,000 on 15 ipads & cases to allow them to work cleaner. This would be a set which is loaned to one class at a time, as a set. Children will use 1 between 2. The IT curriculum is currently not being met as we are under-resourced. Needs looked into for leasing and does it have to be ipads as some folk felt more tablets would be better use of the money. This has since been discussed with Mr Norcott and owing to an Apple license already being in place, it needs to be ipads. **Voted and approved for the spend, requires updates.**

UPDATE:

PTA committee met Sunday 29th morning and approved spend of £5000. This is an adjustment on the £6k having pushed back to school on the need for ipad specific technology.

We asked the school council to come up with a list of things the children would like PTA to help fund. There were some big ticket items which needed more consideration but it was shocking to see things like glue sticks and more pencils! This has triggered a discussion around basic items which budgets no longer cover in the required abundance so we proposed a stationery drive. Basics every term which can be assisted by PTA or funded directly by parent donations via an Amazon wish list - thanks to Becca Nelson who has compiled this list which you can find [here](#)

While looking at the basics, we also suggested each teacher come up with their ideal class and what it looks like, what things does it include? Cushions, a class plant, etc.

Parents could help by adding a simple item like adding a snuggly blanket to your trolley when in ikea.

Upcoming Events

No disco on 9/2 - rescheduling for later in the term.

Non uniform day - wear something red, to raise money for cushions and blankets in reading corners as requested by the school council.

Suggested to do something around Valentines Day. Y3 have agreed to run a craft hub alongside a cake & uniform sale. Helpers will be needed and Y3 will source and organise resources.

All parents can be asked to donate cakes - Y1 designated to run the cake stall?

We may need to set up ipads from school to toggle with the card machines in advance of this depending on who is helping.

Parent Quiz Night - hope to hold at some point in March. Have decided against serving Curry, going to have 'Snacks and Nibbles' and people can bring their own alcohol to drink. Event will be ticketed and limited (number to be confirmed) depending on size of venue.

Event to be held at school - probably in Cafe Hall.

7.30pm for an 8pm start.
Maximum of 6 people per team.
Ticket price - £10 per person.

AOB

Georgia asked if anyone could help to ebay/sell random stock that is no longer required in order to raise some additional funds for school. No volunteers at present.
Georgia to ask Bath Soft Cheese about possibility of providing cheese for Parent Quiz Night