

Parents, Teachers & Friends of Eldersfield Lawn Church of England School



Minutes of PTFA Meeting on Wednesday, 17th January 2024, 6:30pm held at The Hunters Inn

Attendees

Loyda Winning (LW), Louise Herbert (LH), Tricia Sykes (TS), Tansy Goodman (TG), Ellen Challoner (EC), Jackie Ostocke (JO), Suzi Baimbridge (SB), Sarah Rushforth (SR), Eddie Rushforth (ER), Sarah Hindle (SH)

1. Welcome from the Chair

LW has agreed to take on the position of Chair and opened the meeting, thanking all parents and SH for their attendance.

Apologies

Katie Rowberry (KR), Emma Carolan (EC), Jo-Anna Challens (JC), Stacy Prosser (SP), Anna Reeves (AR), Julia Evetts (JE)

2. Treasurer's Report

SB discussed recent expenditure including; £340 for coaches to the whole-school pantomime, £767.31 for the Library Project. The Christmas fair was a great success, particularly the pork roast which generated more profit than expected. There is currently around £14.5k in the PTFA bank account at present, however, £5000 of this has been allocated for playground markings (to be carried out during the Easter holidays, weather permitting). There is still £325 of Malvern Hills Grant money to be spent comprising of Road Safety competition prize money and funds for a Uniform Bank. Commission from Cauliflower cards is yet to be received. Money from Nativity costume hire is gradually coming in – EC to chase.

3. Planning of Valentine's disco

The Valentine's disco will take place after school, 3:15pm to 4:45pm, on Wednesday 7th February (set up to commence from 2:30pm). Thank you to LW who has sourced and booked – Jed1 Nights DJ from Mobile events (SB as contact). Tickets for the disco will be on sale for £6 per child, to include a hot dog (AR to cook), drink and glow stick. SH will arrange for payments to be taken via Parent Pay. SH also advised that there is a teacher's meeting scheduled for this day, so six helpers will be required to oversee the disco - thank you to: JE, TS, TG, SP, SB and LH for volunteering. Reception parents, and any other parents, are invited to attend in addition. JE to create poster. The After School Care provision and Netball Club will continue to run subject to numbers.

4. Fundraising Ideas for 2023/24

Ideas and dates were discussed for 2024. The following was decided:

- Friday 9th February – Non-Uniform Day/Break the Rules Day (Name to be decided). Option to pay for each rule broken e.g. wearing temporary tattoos, painted nails etc. JE to be asked about a poster.

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- Friday 12th April – Crazy Hair Day
- April (date to be confirmed) – Scavenger Hunt
- Ice-Cream Fridays to re-commence May/June time

5. Project/Funding Ideas

SH stated that class 2 have requested £50 for den building resources. There has also been a request for Maths resources including an abacus. £100 - £150 has been suggested as an amount for these items to be shared between class 2 and 3.

Enquiries have begun to gain quotes for the rubber tarmac around the play area to be repaired and refreshed. EC suggested that the Forest School area could also benefit from a new surface of binding sand for the area surrounding the fire pit. SH informed PTFA of a current issue with a drain blockage and advised that any new resurfacing projects to be put on hold until this issue has been resolved.

6. Summer fair – initial planning/dates

The Summer fair will take place on Friday 28th June with a suggested time of 3:15pm – 5:30pm with a theme of The Olympics. PTFA are looking into t-shirts being designed and sold for the Summer Fair and SH agreed that these could potentially be worn during PE for the remainder of term.

7. Book bags

Wendy is chasing money due from book bags given out during home visits.

8. AOB

It was decided that the funds from the Malvern Hills Grant, as mentioned in the Treasurer's report, will be used to purchase waterproofs in a range of sizes (for the children to access as a wet weather uniform bank for activities during forest school, after-school clubs and residential).

In addition, the prize money for the Road Safety poster competition will be used to buy books for the new library. The competition winner will have the privilege of selecting the books as well as an extra prize (to be decided).

As LW has now stepped up to be Chair, the PTFA need a new Secretary. This role is to be advertised in the upcoming newsletter.

9. Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting will take place at the Hunters Inn on **Thursday, 7th March 2024 at 6:30pm**. This will coincide with the very popular Hunter's Inn Quiz night commencing at 8:00pm if anyone would like to stay and take part.

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