

Minutes for PTFA meeting dated Thursday 4th December 2014

1. Apologies – Liz Orton, Sophie Braybrooke, Andrew Marshall, Lucie Boulter, Fiona Harris, David Burgess, Annette Jones

Present – John Pibworth, Beccy Adlard, Bec Hames, Bec Sidgewick, Brahim Herbane, Lynda Bloomer, Jackie Woodhouse, Emily Craft,

2. The minutes of the PTFA meeting on 9th October 2014 were agreed.
3. Treasurer's report – Lynda presented the income and expenditure since the last meeting. The Pub Quiz night raised £753.38 and a breakdown of miscellaneous income (£165.28) and expenses (£241.97) was also discussed. Of the commitments not yet spent, the outdoor games table funding was no longer required, nor was the cross country banner. Prior commitments to fund the Black Country trip. WW1 Quantum Theatre visit, Lion, Witch and Wardrobe performance, and Sleeping Beauty pantomime were confirmed (~£2000). It was noted that the funds committed to Learn Pads (£2350) would no longer be required because of the emergence of funding alternatives (see 7 below).
4. Pub Quiz Review – the event was considered to be a success in terms of raising funds for the school and holding a social event for parents and friends of St Johns. The only change is that the event should have finished a little earlier. The committee discussed the hope that this might raise more awareness of the need for more parents to get involved given the personnel changes to the committee within the next 12 months. The committee agreed that the event should be held again and that perhaps a summer social event (such as a ceilidh) could be considered.
5. Christmas Craft Fayre – Sat 13th Dec – the event was postponed prior to the meeting.
6. Christingle preparation – Beccy Adlard offered to take a lead in preparations.
7. Requests for funding – these were discussed immediately after the treasurer's report (but presented here to correspond with the agenda order). The following requests were made:

Forest School – The PTFA had previously committed funds for the purchase of Learn Pads but the school has secured a grant for their purchase. In its place, the SMT asked the PTFA to use the funds to pay for the Forest School activity that has been running in the school this year (and has provided staff training). The committee agreed to support the total cost of £3320 and the committee felt that it would be useful to communicate to all parents that the PTFA has funding the Forest School resource to reinforce the contribution that the PTFA makes to school life.

ICT Pioneer Training and Development – This activity would enhance information technology activities in years 4, 5 and 6. The committee agreed to support the cost of this (£500).

Stop animation kit – The stop animation equipment would be used by the children to produce stop-motion style films. The committee agreed to support the cost of this (£1000).

Key Stage 1 outdoor area – The SMT requested funds to contribute to the cost of building a sheltered area outside Mrs Buckby and Mrs Ogg’s classrooms. The committee agreed to support the cost of this (£2500).

Gifted and talented workshops – A request was made by SMT (on behalf of Pam Nurse) for ‘Gifted and Talented Workshops’ (£600). The committee asked SMT to provide more detailed information about this request so that a decision could be made at the next meeting.

Key Stage 2 outdoor area – A request was made by SMT to fund the extension of the artificial grass outside the KS2 classrooms (£2700). The committee asked SMT to provide more detailed information about this request so that a decision could be made at the next meeting.

8. AOB –

Mr Pibworth passed on a report from Jane McCarren about the Library@Lunchtime scheme supported by PTFA funding last year. Again, this reinforces the difference that the PTFA makes to the school.

The committee discussed the Diocese’s fundraising call for the Richard III internment in 2015. It was proposed that a non-uniform day would be the easiest way to achieve this (rather than the more complicated gingerbread baking idea originally proposed).

The School Disco is provisionally scheduled for 27/2/2015.

A ‘popcorn and flyers’ in the playground (to publicise projects funded by the PTF and recruit new committee members) is proposed to take place on 30/1/2015.

9. Date of next meeting - AGM 29th January 2015