

St Mary's PTFA

Meeting 2 24/02/2010

1. Welcome and Introductions, Apologies

Leanne Oxley (LO) welcomed everybody to the meeting.

Apologies were received from: Clarinda Tompkin, Edith Hall, Charlotte Reynolds, Sharon Bide, Jane Busby and Mrs Purnell.

2. Easter Fair

The Easter Fair date has been set as Tuesday 30th March from 15:30 onwards. The following stalls were suggested:

- Two Tombolas: Bottle and Chocolate
- Bric-a-brac
- Book Stall
- Easter crafts (including cards and eggs for children to decorate)
- Cake stall and general refreshments. Mrs O'Leary will look into the possibility of selling hot dogs if she can find someone who is willing and has the appropriate Basic Food Hygiene certificate.
- Childrens games such as a lucky dip. Jay Charles suggested a traditional eastern European egg rolling game. Both herself and Kasia Cunningham will look into doing this

A traditional Easter bonnet competition will also take place. Sarah Patton suggested we ask the lady from Grantham Hat Shop to judge this and was willing to approach her as everyone felt this was a great idea.

Jenny Armitage will contact the journal to see if they will cover the event.

The meeting then digressed slightly and other ideas were put forward to enhance inclusivity within the school of the diverse ethnic and cultural backgrounds that the children have. An international evening was suggested which included dancing and traditional foods. Everyone felt this was an excellent idea and we would try and run this event in the future.

The Easter Fair Project team will finalise a list of stalls and layout for these within the hall. It was generally agreed that each year should have a stall allocated to them and that the class reps would look for volunteers to run these. Although other areas such as the hall foyer were suggested for stalls, such as the raffle, it was generally felt that the Easter fair activities should remain in the hall.

3. CAFOD fair

Any left over perishable stock, such as cakes, will be handed over to the CAFOD fair that is due to take place on April 1st.

4. School Uniform

There was a lengthy discussion about issues regarding school uniform. The school has been looking at alternate suppliers to Grantham Clothing as several concerns have been raised over garment quality. A second supplier has been found. This will be web based only, with online orders. The quality is reported to be better, and they maintain that they will not be subject to the same stocking issues that Grantham Clothing have historically had. The price structure will be similar and the new supplier will be brought to parents attention in the near future. The option of sew or iron on school motifs was discussed with mixed feelings. Some of the parents felt that this was a viable lower cost option where others believed that it would lead to the uniform looking scruffy with potential torn / "hanging off" emblems.

It was agreed that we will ask parents to donate any old good quality uniform to the PTFA to be sold at a second hand sale. A fixed price structure will be agreed in advance with the money raised going to PTFA funds. Jenny Armitage will keep a stock list and the uniforms between these sales to deal with any interim requests. The first Friday of the summer term was suggested as a sale date, in the playground. Jay and Clementina also offered to help store spare uniforms if there were a lot of items.

5. NCPTA

We as have not as yet joined the NCPTA as we need a cheque book. Leane and Jayne passed the bank forms to Kasia to fill in the Treasurers part. This will be done when the new cheque book arrives.

6. Class Reps

Both Katherin and Clementina spoke with some of the Year 6 mums to see if they would be willing to be a Year 6 rep. Helen Pickering has agreed to act in this role and Katherin will pass on her contact (email) details to Jayne.

7. Hanging baskets / Other Promotions

It was agreed to go with CD Bell. An email will go out in regards to this, Janice offered to scan the documents for this. In addition, each class rep will be given a hard copy to pass around. Janice offered to have a box in the office

for orders to be dropped into. Each order MUST INCLUDE PAYMENT.
Leanne will co-ordinate the actual ordering.

Clarinda had emailed Leanne in regards to the online fundraising discussed in the last meeting. After investigating the different companies that offer this she feels that easyfundraising.org.uk offers the best incentives. How to proceed with this will be discussed at the next meeting. It is likely that the money will go to the school, and the school will write a cheque for the PTFA.

Clarinda also passed on an example of a printed bag that could be purchased for £3.95 and sold for £5. Some of the mums felt this might be expensive for what it was and the idea of t-shirts or t-towels was raised. Janice will ask Helen Williams about a flyer she has seen for leavers t-shirts and Jenny will enquire at Printhead about their costs. It is also possible that we may be able to use some printing equipment at Kings School free of charge, Janice to check with Mrs Heaver.

The PTFA will consider purchasing leavers t-shirts for Year 6 pupils in addition to the prayer books they currently receive.

8. AOB

The treasurers asked to stay on to count the cash balance. Leanne, Jenny and Jayne stayed on to do this and verified that the balance was correct. Katherin then handed the money over to Kasia.

The summer fair will be discussed after the Easter fair has taken place.

Minutes closed. Canapés served!!!!.