

## PTA COMMITTEE MEETING 8 SEPTEMBER 2015

**Attendance:** Irene Conway, Jen Ingham, Lara Stokes, Emma Dadson, Simon Bushell, Ros Owen, Ann-Marie Wortley, Lisa Guppy

**Apologies:** Tania Wilson

### 1. Playground

Over the summer the playground markings were completed. There were some errors and changes. The company has returned and fixed up spelling errors and few other markings. They made a mix up of work and have not done the markings in KS2 area. The Activity Trail was made larger and therefore may need to scrap either map or compass because price is to be increased.

**Action: School to consider what they require and if still want both map and compass, let PTA know and PTA will let school know if can afford extra.** King squares still to come.

Mr Jones to fix pergola and extend to cover L3. Quote approx £850. Come and do on a weekend.

### 2. Ceilidh

Idea of social event in Term 1. Dependent on finding a date. Put it to Colin Wilson - possibly 16 or 23 October. **Action: Jen and Lara check on dates and confirm with school.**

### 3. Money/Supply

Discussed new supplies which may be required:

- Supplies - new urn? Urns - just said "don't heat up".
- Gazeboes and also some weights for legs. Discussed storage. School also re-organising and using storage container. Hopefully should still be room.
- New mugs from Jericho Cafe. Really amazing and so useful. Thanks so much to Ruth Dorso.

**Action: PTA to organise purchase urn, gazeboes and weights.**

Donation to Classroom? Discussed timing. **Action: Best timing would be first week after half term - £100 for each classroom.**

### 4. Calendar

Discussed timings and actions for calendar. This Friday get children to discuss ideas for each month's pictures. Laura agreed to take photos again. Joy to help out. Permissions – although universal forms for photographs, still need calendar permission slips as it includes birth date also, not just picture. Take the photos on Wednesday 23rd September or Thursday 24th September. EYFS Curriculum evening - mention calendar and show parents. Permission slips - take to parent evenings. **Action: Jen to check on last year's forms and send to school today.**

**School to check on universal forms. School to confirm dates with Laura's availability.**

### 5. MyMaths

Numicon has not been utilised as effectively as hoped, but it is a quality product. Simon going to be working with teachers to show how it can be used more effectively across school. However, is one-off opportunity to invest. One parent in OUP and they left. However, OUP offered one-off discount of 30% to 50% until end of September. LSA's love numicon. Have a look and see what is realistic. Got lots of guides. Consider what LSA's use and what is most effective. Numicon not only product. Are other options also. Look at whole package. Not just maths, but also other subjects as well. School development plan is maths and computing as a focus. One possible alternative is Singapore Maths - way of thinking about maths that is different. St Joseph's in

Headington are using it. Want to go and see it in action. Separate scheme to numicon or OUP. Also new curriculum. Sept deadline to order if want discount. **Action: School to review requirements and come with proposal. PTA to consider funds available.** Discussed possibility of further maths evening before Christmas especially if make maths and computing a focus. School put new computers and server in school. **Action: Publicise fact that put in new infrastructure & look at organising another maths evening.**

MyMaths definitely want to purchase again. Year 6 - homework every week. Think Year 5 started at end of year - fortnightly. Has been used in maths lessons. Not as instantly responsive but is used in Cherwell and parents in Year 6 thought was really useful. Comment from parents: As parents didn't see it used enough. Different with Mathletics as could play games. But general feeling that not used enough. Opportunity at staff meeting to re-energise. Renewal is £260. **Action: PTA agreed to fund again this year. School to consider comments and try to ensure that used across school.**

Lost logins - see teacher of class. If no homework set then parents and children can still go online and find activities.

## 6. Binsey Fete

Discussed opportunity to be involved. Organisers want Phil & Jim to be involved. PTA would like what we raise to go to charity. Simon confirmed that we pay a donation eg % of takings and then we keep balance. Can be used for charity. Don't want to take away from West Botley school. Maybe we could do football stall?

## 7. Other projects – courtyard, mound, triangle, nursery door

- Sovereign people do mound? Issues: have to remove all existing material and worried that tunnel be too small given location and fact used by older years.
- New Project co-ordinator: Becky Chamberlain. Be at AGM on Wed. **Action: Once Becky appointed, she to chase up different options for mound. Keen to progress asap.**
- Courtyard Design - not heard back from architect. "Away Day" with Governors. Discussion about courtyard and new triangle. **Action: School to report back after further discussions.**
- Door to Nursery - Chase it up?? **Action: Lara to chase up and/or ask Becky to progress.**
- Special skills from parents. Interesting academics who love to come in and do talks. Need to repeat the process of requesting skills. Also put together list for school and PTA. **Action: Emma to put together list of current information regarding skills.**
- EYFS - painting done. Mud kitchen done. Still water wall and additional works. Have £5,000.
- Strutt and Parker - if specific big thing like sponsorship for computers. Upgrading server and new computers. Put plaque in ICT??? 3D printer?? Louise Wright and Louise Gaffney are computing co-ordinators. Because could free Simon up, then made sense for him to be involved also. Advert in calendar? £200. **Action: Emma to follow up with S&P.**

## 8. Class list.

New Class List website. Rather than do for some parents, easier to do it for whole school. Consent forms were given out on induction days and also in welcome packs for new parents. Jen did test run and signed up for it last night. Easy to operate and similar information as on excel spreadsheet. Also better data protection, as each parent/carer decides how much and what information to share.

Jen Watkiss – she will also join the team to take over class list role and share with Emma.

## 9. Next meeting: AGM next week – Wednesday 16 September