

Phil & Jim PTA meeting 5th November 2021

Attendees: Sarah Awuye, Jacqueline, Lara

Agenda:

1. New use for function room at school
2. Outdoor learning teacher
3. Calendar
4. Christmas bazaar
5. Hoodies for year 6 choir

1. Function room:

Ms Awuye spoke about her eagerness to turn the function room at the end of the corridor next to the DT kitchen into a dedicated DT room for all year groups potentially, but especially for KS2. She has begun by contacting an outside company about the costs involved. Is it possible to have a gas point, etc? This could be a long term project for the PTA to support / raise money for. Lara Stokes wondered if senior schools might have some kit / tools that they could donate?

2. Outdoor learning:

Lara Stokes asked about the outdoor learning she had seen taking place on Port Meadow. Ms A explained she had got in contact with the council to ask if they could help the school with the sessions, but the council has declined. She has since found an outside provider who will put together a plan for each year group and structure the class using the spaces around the school with teachers from school supporting the children and assisting the smooth running of these weekly sessions. The budget for this is coming from their sports' budget; this could again be something that the PTA might support financially, as it benefits all year groups.

3. Calendar:

The shoot went well though there were problems on the day with checking the photo permission slips for all students. Going forward, Ms A agreed to include a general opt in / out tick box in the school's forms at the start of the academic year, to cover all PTA events. This will avoid last minute extra paperwork.

Options to build the calendar would be relayed through the class reps & classlist initially and then through parentmail. Ideally parents will be able to pre-pay for them and otherwise using C&P outside school. All to be fine tunes in the next few weeks. No cash to be used.

4. Christmas Bazaar:

Delia Secker-Walker has been in touch with the school, Ms Awuye, & the PTA to lay out a timeline of events.

The rainbow room will be used to store, sort, and set up. Again class reps will send out a description of the event and explanation of where parents can drop goods off, plus money required on the day. Boxes will go into each classroom about 2 weeks before the event and emptied regularly- by whom?

Sorting day is Wed 8th Dec and the Bazaar will take place on Thursday 9th Dec. Clearing any unused stock will take place on Friday 10th. Delia is sourcing volunteers and putting a timetable together.

5. Year 6 hoodies for choir competition:

A request was made for the PTA to assist with the cost of hoodies for the children and adults taking part in the choir competition. The PTA feels that as not all year 6 children are taking part and it is a one off event, it is not a suitable use of PTA funds.

A suggestion of a year 6 cake sale might be a better way to raise money for this event.