



Osbaston PTFA

Osbaston CiW School

Minutes – Tuesday 1st December 2020

1. Kate K welcomed all to the meeting.

2. **Present**

Catherine Jones, Clare Cooper, Kate Kelly, Jodie Robinson, Ruth Howell, Mair Davies, Alice Guest, Jay Marks, Tess Burgess, Elizabeth Harris, Glynn Lewis, Jessica Hargaden, Kate Stafford, Claire Cook

Apologies

None

3. **School lottery**

Presently generating £66 per month for the school, with a prize fund of £13.50. There are currently 33 players holding 45 tickets. The more supporters, the greater the prize will be.

4. **Funds since last meeting**

Win the pumpkin: £106

Make the rules day: £181

My Childs Art: £225 (total so far with 68 purchases - running until the end of term)

Christmas Shop: £668

NB. All gift for the Christmas shop are bagged up ready and quarantining in Mrs Jones' office to be delivered to pupils in their classrooms on Monday.

5. **Upcoming events/initiatives**

-Save the Children/PTFA Christmas Non-Uniform Day

On the last day of term, Friday 18th December 2020, the children are invited to wear a Christmas jumper or any kind of 'Christmassy' clothing/accessory. Pupils will be asked for a donation of £1 to be divided equally between the PTFA and Save the Children.

-Adopt an Elf

Buddy the elf has been elf-isolating at school ready for one LUCKY pupil to bring him home for Christmas. For the chance to win Buddy, pupils should bring £1 into school on Friday 11th December and names will be drawn out of a hat.

6. Future spending

-Bike racks

A huge thankyou to Jess Hargaden for her efforts in applying for and securing funding for the bike racks, Osbaston CiW School has been awarded a grand total of £4125.

We are currently awaiting the arrival of a cheque. Funding is available for 12 months therefore installation could be carried out over the Easter holiday or possibly February half term.

- Next steps include checking measurements, prices, and ordering.
- May need to speak with someone on the Council Grounds Maintenance board.

-Forest School

Mrs Jones put forward a request to the PTFA to look at funding a Forest School. Deb Morgan in KS2 has been put forward for this role. Cost of training is not yet known but the PTFA are fully behind this suggestion.

- Enquiries to be made with the council re. training. Glynn Lewis pointed out that Monlife Outdoor Education could potentially link with the school on this matter.
- Further research needed.

7. -Funding Ideas

New ideas for COVID friendly fundraising were brought to the table and discussed as follows:

- Bubble Disco – an idea to hold mini discos for the children in their own year group
Unfortunately due to the need for parent supervision and the fact that children are refrained from becoming breathless through activity, it was deemed that this isn't possible at the moment but we will revisit at a later date when restrictions have lessened.

- Sponsored Bike Ride – children to partake in bike rides, seeking sponsorship, to be recorded via an app.

This seems very doable and will coincide with the provision of bike racks and being an eco-conscience school. To be discussed further.

- Winter picnic – a socially distanced picnic or camp out style event on the school field.

Unfortunately, this was also deemed impractical under current government guidelines. But a wonderful idea and something to revisit in a post-COVID society.

- Virtual Quiz – Online via Zoom

The quiz itself is written and ready to go. Would need to verify how we would sell tickets, who would host, what kind of interest we would have etc.

- Mother's Day Virtual Shop

To be carried out in Spring term in a similar fashion to the Christmas Shop.

- Sponsored Move-a-thon – run/walk/ride/skip/jump your way to victory

Potentially set a class/school combined target.

For example – Specific distance such as the Land's End to John O'Groats path, which includes Offa's Dyke in Monmouthshire - 1,250 miles.

Or perhaps length of time taken to travel somewhere such as the moon - 72 hours

To be set in January as a healthy living challenge as well as to raise money through sponsorships.

- Grow a Pound – Pupils given £1 to spend in order to create a way of raising money.

This has previously been well received and very successful. The pupils were not able to partake in this last year due to school closures. Agreed that this should be held again in 2021.

- Virtual Balloon Race

MCS and the Rotary club ran one of these during the autumn. PTFA to find out how successful this was and investigate holding one of our own.

- Online Raffle

Can be set up online fairly easily but requires heavy promotion. Would need raffle gifts and a volunteer/s to organise. COVID friendly as can be run via social media.

- Voluntary online donations

Simple creation of a link on website/facebook page to ask for voluntary donations to the PTFA via paypal.

- Bucket donations

Members of staff to dress up in Christmas gear on the last day of term holding a donation bucket. Parents could be forewarned via Schoop.

8. AOB

The PTFA would like to extend a very warm welcome to those new to the meetings. Thank you for joining Elizabeth Harris and Glynn Lewis!

And as always but especially now under these trying times, where help is not always at hand, Mrs Jones and the rest of the PTFA would like to personally thank Kate Kelly for her commitment and hard work particularly with regards to the Christmas Shop.

Next Meeting: TBC for the Spring term