

Arkholme CofE Primary School PTFA

Minutes of meeting held Monday 13th January 2020 @ 3.30pm

1. Present: Claire Halsey (Chair) Elle Fox (Treasurer), Corinne Metcalfe (Secretary), Brenda Ireland, Gillian Chase, Emily Sapsford, Emma Muckalt (Teacher), Hayley Whittaker (Teacher)

2. Apologies: Rebecca Jackson-Pitt, Joy Ingram (Headteacher)

3. Treasurers report:

The last half of the autumn term was a successful one in terms of fundraising with good profits from the Nativity, Christmas fair, Christmas raffle and Secret Santa. The Arkholme jumble sale also raised a total of £807 for the school.

Travel expenses were minimal and whilst the bill for the Christmas party food was higher than last year this was because all of the food was gluten free so that a child was not restricted in what they could eat. Elle has also taken out a year's subscription with Coeliac UK for £15 which enables us to use the app and check food items via their barcode for any unsuitable ingredients.

Current Account Balance – £3077.00

Playground renewal account - £8088.00

4. Playground flooring update

We are getting closer to our target of around £11k which will enable us to replace the entire playground floor, rather than just half. Everyone is keen to get the work completed during the Easter holidays or before the end of the summer term so other fundraising ideas were discussed, along with whether we can get help with the project from either QES Studio School or Wickes Community projects.

5. Film night – 13th February

We discussed going back to showing two films so that children could choose which one to view, but this will require enough volunteer helpers to ensure children stay in the room of the film they have chosen. Elle proposed having a DVD library so past DVD's can be rented out for a small donation or used by afterschool club. We will also look at borrowing DVD's from friends and family for future film nights rather than having to buy from new every time.

6. Easter Bingo

It was proposed to hold an Easter bingo evening as this terms social event (Thursday 26th March) possibly with a pie and pea supper so that we can sell tickets in advance to ensure numbers. We can give Easter eggs as prizes and serve the food after the first few games so that those with younger children don't have to stay all night. Hopefully this will be more attractive to parents as the evening events last term weren't well supported.

7. Mother's Day Plants

Everyone thought that the Mother's Day plants last year were a lovely idea and Emily has agreed to do this again this year. We perhaps need to advertise it better so that children are sent in with the necessary money and we do not end up donating a vast amount of flowers so that children without money are not left out. We will also require a few additional volunteers on the day to help the kids choose and wrap their plants.

8. Sports Day

In the diary for the 19th June, Claire to check that we can book the hall for the afternoon so that we can hold the summer fair straight after sports day as last year.

9. AOB

We disused taking over the tuck shop from Fiona this term, Corinne happy to draw up a rota so that it does not fall on the same person to organize every week.

Next cake sale is Friday 14th February, so potential for a Valentine's theme. It was also suggested that we may be better off giving each class a cake sale to be responsible for, in the hope that parents will feel more obliged to donate bakes when it is their child's class's turn.

Mrs Muckalt wondered whether it would be better to split the Christmas party next year into two age groups which everyone thought a good idea. We will look into having a date for this and a DJ/entertainer booked asap so that we have more time to organize this time round.

Emily mentioned using Amazon Smile to help increase PTFA funds, it appears a lot of parents are not aware of this or taking advantage of it so perhaps an article in the newsletter would be helpful – CM happy to do this.

Next meeting is Monday 16th March @ 3.30pm