

## Arkholme CofE Primary School PTFA

### Minutes of meeting held Monday 16<sup>th</sup> November 2020 @ 3.45pm

**1. Present:** Claire Halsey (Chair) Elle Fox (Treasurer), Corinne Metcalfe (Secretary), Emily Sapsford, Fay Haslam, Birta Henderson, Emma Muckalt (Teacher), Katy Waddington, Joy Ingram (Headteacher)

**2. Apologies :** Gillian Chase

#### **3. Treasurers report:**

We received a kind donation of £1,500 from the Harold & Alice Bridges Trust towards the new outdoor classroom.

In total so far for the playground improvements we have spent:

- One payment of £9,995 and a second of £321.60 to school as our contribution to the new soft pour surface.
- £5, 250 to EdSpace for the new outdoor classroom.
- £700 for the new concrete shed base.
- £428 on the concrete base for the new bin store, plus £505 on timber. We still need to source and purchase a gate to keep the bin store secure.

Recent fundraisers include Movie Night which raised £213 and the cake sale which raised £83.50. Secondhand uniform has raised £47 up to October half term. We also received £17 from Amazon Smile.

Outgoings so far this year include £55.96 for some new watches and £119.85 for painting aprons for Robins class and £55.64 for books and playdough for Puffins.

The Co-Op fund is now active, and we should receive our first payment from this in April, to be put towards further outdoor space improvements.

Current Account Balance - £2,500

Playground renewal account - £1,883

PayPal Account - £717

Cash held - £140

#### **4. Fundraising projects going forwards**

Mrs. Whittaker asked if we could donate a webcam for Robins class for when they are using Zoom. All agreed.

Mrs. Muckalt would like a rack so that the Puffins' wellies can be stored outside, and a lockable cupboard to increase storage within the pod. Again, all agreed.

There were no requests from Kingfishers or Owls, but Mrs. Ingram has agreed to ask staff to write any down.

It was discussed whether it would be worthwhile having a school wish list on Amazon so that people can see what items are needed and donate monies towards this if they wish. Everyone thought this was a great idea.

With regards to larger items Mrs. Ingram explained that the interactive whiteboards in Kingfishers and Owls classes are nearing the end of their productive life and need updating with smart screens like the one in Robins class. These are around £4k each and all agreed these would be good items to fundraise for now the bulk of the playground work is finished.

## **5. Socials**

After the success of the family quiz night last term a date was set for the next one on Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> December at 6pm. Anthony Quinn has agreed to host this time.

Mrs. Muckalt agreed to host a Zoom Disco on Monday 21<sup>st</sup> December at 11am. Everyone thought it would be nice to get the children together out of school term time and keep up the Christmas spirit! We discussed Christmas fancy dress and party games that everyone can join in with at home.

## **6. Secret Santa**

PTFA to organize gifts and wrapping bags and bring into school. Staff will supervise children buying and wrapping gifts. We set a provisional date of Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> December, with some gifts being kept back for the following day so that nursery children can participate as well. Katy agreed to send a Remind and put a note in the newsletter asking parents for any gift donations.

## **7. Christmas fundraisers**

Obviously, the traditional Christmas Fair cannot go ahead this year, but we discussed possible alternatives. Elle is already on the hunt for more raffle prizes, but she also put forward the idea of making up Christmas hampers which we could auction off. Hopefully, some local businesses/supermarkets will still be willing to donate items despite the current testing times.

There is also the option of setting up the Christmas fair games in the school hall and letting children go in their bubbles and pay 50p per game under teacher supervision. It was agreed to wait until the new government guidance regarding lockdown on December 2<sup>nd</sup> and see where we go from there.

## **8. Christmas Dinner/Party**

Date set for 17<sup>th</sup> December, children will have their Christmas dinner in school and then have their parties within their own bubble straight after. PTFA to provide snacks, juice, and any party games prizes, as well as crackers for Christmas dinner. As last year we will provide completely gluten free food for KS2 so that Darcey is not restricted in what she can eat.

Christmas Jumper Day is Friday 11<sup>th</sup> December. Children can come to school in their Christmas jumpers in exchange for a bottle/box of chocs etc. to go towards the Christmas hampers. We discussed giving each class a theme to provide for.

On Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> December school will be streaming the performance of Cinderella to all children, as they are unable to make their traditional theatre trip this year. PTFA to provide popcorn and ice cream.

## **9. Jumble Sale**

This time of year is when we would normally hold our annual Jumble Sale. Obviously, this can't happen this year, so Elle is going to speak to Danielle and see if she has a preference on what else to do. The man who usually buys a van load at the end of the sale has agreed to come and take any stock away contact free, but it would mean a lower than usual price to compensate for him driving all the way over to school.

Mrs. Ingram put forward the idea of a school car boot, as this can be held outside and therefore it would be easier to comply with social distancing measures. Everyone agreed this was a great idea, but maybe to leave it until the Spring term when hopefully the weather will be better.

**10. Dates for next meeting**

Monday 11<sup>th</sup> January at 3.45pm

**11. AOB**

We discussed doing our usual end of term cake sale on Friday 18<sup>th</sup> December.  
Claire agreed she is happy to continue doing Friday afternoon tuck shop.