

PTA meeting 11/5/15

Attendees: Nigel Ranson, Mary Tuson, Angie Strickland, Liz Clayton, Alison Wilding and Maurice Heneghan

Apologies: Aline Gunson, Jane Parr, Collette Cafferkey and Claire Strickland

Head's Report

Nigel will check if a child can have more than one contact number for school texts.

We need to take an action at the end of each PTA meeting for Nigel to ask Gill Greenwood to update Moodle to show the date of the next meeting.

Our Young Enterprise team won the Lancashire final, out of 8 teams. They will now go on to represent the North West. Unfortunately this next round is the day before a GCSE exam.

2 boys' teams, 2 girls' teams and possibly one more are through to the annual football finals at Deepdale.

Children are on the Poland trip this week. It seems to be going well.

130 Year 7s went to Normandy. Unfortunately there was a 4 ½ hour delay on the motorway due to an accident. This meant that the first trip to a cheese factory was delayed.

The Year 11 leaver's Mass was last week, led by Father Anthony Keefe. Friday was the leaver's assembly.

The Chapel refurbishment is making progress. School has some quotes for an altar, credence table and a lectern. Quotes to come for lights and possibly stained glass. The PTA can consider contributing to something in the Chapel, perhaps with a note 'donated by the PTA'

PTA money was used to buy a dedication stone for Mr Greenwood for the Chapel. A room in the training centre has also been dedicated to him.

A decision is still to be made on whether to have a faith garden and consider moving his stone and the other dedication stones to this garden.

Internal exams are now complete. Pupils are likely to have less homework that needs marking whilst teachers are marking these exam papers.

We discussed a health and safety incident and the policies and procedures that are already in place.

Mike has prepared a briefing for all form teachers about the summer raffle. Children must return their unsold tickets, or ticket money or they will not be allowed on the reward trip.

Nigel will arrange for a text to go to parents about the raffle.

Nigel will check how Year 11 parents can buy tickets if they wish.

Chair's Report

The PTA are needed to help at the Year 6 parent's evening at 7pm 25<sup>th</sup> June. We will need at least 3 people to talk in the classrooms.

Nigel will check if we need to provide any refreshments.

We will discuss at the next meeting.

Liz will send a letter about 200 Club renewals to the Year 11 parents just before half term. She will leave it until later in the term before contacting other members about renewals.

The next meeting will be 1/6/15. Nigel will let Gill know to update Moodle.

The fashion show was a great success, raising £739.83, half of which went to the Poland trip and the other half to the PTA. The heads and tails game for a bottle of whisky raised £120. It was good that the children helped with the promotion, planning and ticket sales. Some girls and teachers modelled the clothes and other pupils compared and provided entertainment. The bar was popular and all of the alcohol was sold except a few bottles that we set aside for raffle prizes for the summer production.

This formula seems to work and we should consider a similar event next year.

Nigel will mention a fashion evening and the chocolate bingo at the Year 6 parent's evening.

The summer production will be 14<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> July. PTA help will be required. We will discuss at the next 2 meetings.

200 Club Draw

April R Isa, K Helm and A McNeilly each won £30

May L Rippon, L & A Taaffe and Claire McCullough each won £30

AOB

Some parents were concerned about Year 7 children having to revise during the Easter break. The principal teachers will discuss this.

Alison will resign as treasurer in July so we will need a new treasurer.