

Maple Cross JMI PTA Meeting Minutes

Wednesday 24th February 2016

Attendees:

Yvonne Wells, Laura Whyte, Mandy Jenkins, Nicky McHugh, Siân Edwards, Lucy Bone.
Mr Roberts.

Apologies:

Jessica Ackland, Jeanette Dumbleton

1. Treasurers Report

Current balance, taking into account remaining cheques to be cashed: £4,202.37

There is a PTA folder in the office which details current accounts and minutes, available for all parents to look at.

Yvonne has purchased a new trolley for the walking bus and has requested reimbursement. Amount not discussed.

2. Mothers Day

**** VOLUNTEERS NEEDED****

Committee vote undertaken over the email due to restriction on time, and agreed that this year, children would be given the opportunity to purchase a 'grow your own' flower with poem at a cost of £2 per flower. Letters have already been sent out to parents before the half term and so far, 99 orders have been received with several more expected. Nicky is organising this and will contact Rowans with final order numbers, she will need to order more bags from eBay and invoice the PTA.

Children will be able to collect these gifts at home time on Friday 4th March 2016.

3. Easter Egg Hunt – 24th March 2016

**** VOLUNTEERS NEEDED****

A total of 198 easter eggs have been purchased so each child in the school will receive one. The easter egg hunt will proceed as usual and the children will each be presented with their egg at the end of their hunt. Classes will be split into buddy families and as well as the usual eggs to be found, there will be additional points available for any child that finds one of the bonus eggs and is able to answer the times table question on it! Hunt times are as follows:-

- Nursery & reception 11.15 – 11.45
- Yrs 1 & 2 13.10 – 13.40
- Yrs 3 & 4 13.50 – 14.20
- Yrs 5 & 6 14.30 – 15.00

Current volunteers include Mandy who has kindly agreed to do name labels for children to stick on their chocolate egg so there is no confusion. Siân is available to help out.

4. Summer Event – 11th June 2016

****VOLUNTEERS NEEDED****

This year's summer event, "Maplefest" will run from 12.00 – 16.00.

Agreed stalls to include:

- Face painter.
- Coconut shy.
- Stocks – for 'sponge the teacher'.
- Father's day stall – for children to make gifts.
- Tombola's.
- Buddy family raffle – Mr Roberts would like it noted in the minutes that he received one complaint from a recipient of a buddy hamper at Christmas due to its being too "sugar based". Discussed at the PTA and as the hampers are filled directly with products received from our parents, we have no scope to dictate what is donated.
- Sweet stall.
- Tug O'War.
- Ice Cream Van – ? to source.
- Punch & Judy – Yvonne to contact local entertainers.
- External rides – Yvonne has an existing contact.
- Bouncy castle.
- Suggested whether we could have gymnastics and karate demonstrations.
- Kids talent show – pupils are organising.
- Second hand uniform stall – suggested by Mandy that we display very reasonably priced buddy colour t-shirts and take orders if parents wish to purchase them for their child(ren) in readiness for sports day.
- BBQ – committee voted regarding the purchase of a new BBQ. Agreed . Mandy & Yvonne to go to B&Q to gauge costs.
- ? strawberries and cream stall – years 5 & 6 could take charge of this stall.
- Boxes of crisps.
- Sweets
- Alcoholic and non alcoholic drinks. } *Laura, Nicky & Siân to run food and drinks.*
- Pimms.
- Bands – it is hoped to be able to have bands playing continuously in 30 minutes sets throughout the afternoon. – Siân & Nicky to contact Watford School of Music and canvass for any local bands that would like to come and play.

Agreed that we can use the mobile unit for the toilets which allows for the main school building to be excluded from use. We could also potentially use the two attached classrooms to run activities for the children.

****VOLUNTEERS NEEDED****

5. Wish List

- iPads: £1000 has now been paid and a further £2000 is outstanding. The PTA wish to pay this off in full by the end of the year.
- Shelters: Attempting to utilise reclaimed bike sheds due to the high cost of purchasing new ones.
- Climbing Wall: The climbing wall has had the remaining handles fitted, now has 100. Rubber matting

for the base is still being sourced and it's cost is to be confirmed. Year 6 are possibly going to paint a mural on the wall to brighten it up.

- Story sacks: Mrs Trickett has confirmed that these remain high on the wish list and has kindly provided the PTA with a list of the ones that are wanted in order of preference. PTA voted and have agreed to purchase the top two story sacks to start with, these are the Number Rhyme Collection and Story Book Collection.

6. A.O.B

- Fundraising for CED at WGH – Siân to write letter to student council.
- Catering flasks – Keith to look into costs and Laura to feed back.
- Jumble or Table top sale – Mandy to organise. Discussed as possibly taking place on Saturday 30th April 2016, will be confirmed at next meeting.
- Anita is raising money to update all of the toilets within the school, currently quoted at being £87,000. It has been suggested that we could 'crowd fund' for this, asking parents to canvass companies, e.g. their work places, for sponsorship; could raise money in other ways towards this. Anita was asking whether the PTA would support this, committee voted and agreed .
- Potential day change for future PTA meetings, agreed that they could be held on a Thursday evening.
- Lack of volunteers – the PTA continues to struggle to get regular volunteers and it is acknowledged that this is putting a strain on existing members and running events. PTA to continue trying to get more people involved in both meetings and events.

Upcoming Events

- Family disco at Maple Cross Club – originally planned for February but to be rearranged.
- Mothers Day gift sale w/c 22nd February 2016
- Easter Egg Hunt – Thursday 24th March 2016
- Rickmansworth Parade – Saturday 14th May 2016
- Summer Event – Saturday 11th June 2016
- Quiz Night – Friday 14th October 2016
- Fireworks – Saturday 5th November 2016
- Christmas Fayre – Friday 16th December 2016

NEXT PTA MEETING

Thursday 21st April 2016.
ALL welcome.