

SILSOE LOWER SCHOOL PTA – MEETING: MONDAY 20TH SEPTEMBER 2021

Location: School Hall

Present:

- Jeanette Manque
- Helen Radford
- H.Hills
- S.Vaughton
- F.Bloxham
- Sheila .K .Okello
- D.Oliver
- M.Stacey
- Mrs Boyle

Apologies:

- Jen Alexander
- Sharon Keely

1.0	Introductions were made.
2.0	This was followed by a summary by the Chairs of PTA and a summary of the main activities that PTA has been involved in and which we were most likely to continue. These were as follows.
	Santa Visits – visits made by Santa to school and involved a gift from Santa paid by the PTA
	Letters from Santa –letters written from Santa and posted to the children

	Annual Panto; one year a group came to the school to perform. Although following covid this was done online last year.
	Vouchers for Teachers –for Xmas crafts from amazon etc
	Quiz Night
	Christmas parties in the classrooms
	Family Fundraising
	Xmas Cards –the children design cards and these are printed for Xmas
	Secret Santa Shop –gifts bought by the children
	Disco - every Term
	Easter preschool Easter Hunt – Lower school runs the BBQ this happens just before Easter
	Mini Fete – Stalls, activities in school times
	Rainbow Run – Year 1 (Runs 2 laps) Year 2 (Runs 3) laps) etc
	Summer Ball
	Suggestions;
1.	Timetable to be made to put PTA proposed events with the intended months to be confirmed. A Communication flyer was discussed
2.	A list of activities and what is needed in terms of no. of volunteers or whatever the activity needs from the PTA to be made available
3.0	PTA Money is used to fund the following activities
	Leavers gifts
	Coach trips – PTA pay for coaches for school trips
	Panto
	Wonderful Proposed New Forest school with a reflection and sensor aspect etc; (more details to follow) - £ 5000 was the original amount to be given. This is to be developed separately.

	New Starter Gifts paid by the PTA
4.0	Proposed New Activities by those present
	PTA was proposing to expand the PTA to include more family and / or to friends of Silsoe to rebrand to get more people involved.
	Proposed new activity – celebrate 8 th March 2021 International Women’s Day
	A colouring competition
	A Raffle per month e.g a car raffle – Offer of a free website
	Bi- Annual Car Wash
	Fireworks night
5.0	Fundraising methods
	Coop had Silsoe Lower as the chosen charity and raised £ 2,080.41 – End of November is when it up to.
	Smile Amazon has Silsoe Lower PTA as a charity. It was noted that this should be promoted.
	Silsoe Stride - £200 Donation made – Several groups involved including preschool etc and all the raised funds are divided equality between all involved:
	Advertising the current method is Facebook – we discussed different methods such as Instagram etc

6.0	Committee Member Needed
	The proposed treasurer was unable to continue therefore there was a need to appoint a new member to continue as a committee.
	At the Meeting Daniel Oliver proposed that he was able to do the role.
	It was discussed that 2 people for each role may be suggested so that the roles are covered in the case of absences.
	New Parent also interested in the role but unable to attend this meeting
	MS to send over details of role to PTA
7.0	Events coordinators
	It was proposed that an events coordinator for the activities should be appointed and perhaps subcommittees could run at the sometime for each of the activities .
8.0	Events to follow the meeting
	Bags to school – 6 th Oct 2021
	Xmas Card List
9.0	NEXT PTA Meeting to be held at the same venue on Monday 4th October 2021 – 7.30- 9pm . Time to be observed.