

Whitfield St James' CE (VC) Primary School

Minutes of meeting 7th October 2021

Present: Wendy Rimmer, Jo Barker, Craig Woodward, Jo Eccles, Fran Chambers, Kirsty Budgen, Olga Khruscheva, Saima Rasheed

Apologies: Leo Ford, Tracey Donaldson, Natalie Horrocks, Sherrie Townson, Viv Mackey, Siobhan Parker

Wendy started the meeting by welcoming those who were able to attend. It was lovely to have some new faces attend the meeting, so thank you to you for taking the time to come.

Wendy then presented a brief round-up of what funds had been raised during the last school year as follows:

The last 18 months has proved difficult for fundraising as we have been unable to hold any large events or 'face to face' events due to COVID. However, during the year we did manage to raise £620 with the Smartie challenge and £700 from the Rainbow Raffle. A further £234 from ice-lolly sales, the clothing bank brought in £218 and Easy fundraising £59. A total of £1820.

With regards to expenses we purchased 2 gazebos, 2 storage sheds (for early years) and of course the books that all the children receive at Christmas.

Wendy also said that the PTA had already paid out £1688 for class fund and transport costs.

There then followed quite a lot of discussion as to how we can raise money this year. Wendy and Mr Woodward explained that they didn't feel it was safe enough yet to hold a Christmas Fair due to it having to be held inside and the fact that as most of us are aware it can be very busy. It was therefore decided that we would have a raffle similar to the rainbow raffle but with more of a Christmas theme. So Christmas treats, children's toys and games, items that could be given as gifts, bottles, chocolate etc. PTA would also ask staff for donations with a view to

producing a couple of larger festive hampers. 2 donation days will be held and the draw to take place on Wednesday 1st December.

It was also agreed that we do the Smartie challenge again. With Smarties (or dairy free/vegan equivalent) being sent out week ending 17th December and to be returned to school by February half term and then the class who raise the most will get their treat during the following half term when it can be arranged with the class teacher.

Hot chocolate Fridays were also discussed and it was hoped that this could start up again but outside possibly from next half term.

Movie nights and discos were discussed and one idea was to hold a movie afternoon during the last week before Christmas within the classes or bubbles. Children would send their money in the week before so we could purchase popcorn/treats. Discos will probably have to wait until next year.

Wendy also mentioned about applying for the Tesco scheme but we need a constitution to submit the application. Kirsty said that they were easy to get hold of and hopefully we can get one prepared for the AGM in November.

Kirsty said a really easy fundraising event would be a 'scoot & skate' event. This is where children bring their scooters or skateboards to school, pay £1 and then get the use of the playground for an hour. Again this could be done in bubbles or year groups and there is the potential to have a tuck shop of some sort. Obviously, this would be probably best to be done in the Spring/Summer term.

Wendy stated that we had not held an AGM for 2 years so this was definitely needed sooner rather than later. The date was decided Thursday 18th November at 3.45pm in school.

Wendy once again thanked everyone for attending and closed the meeting.