

PTA Meeting - Wednesday 27th April

Present: Mr Hudson, Mrs Ward, Anna, Anya, Vanessa, Nicky, Auriane and Natalie

Apologies: Caroline, Kate Lloyd and Mrs Barber

Welcome

-Anna welcomed everyone to the meeting with a particular welcome to Mrs Ward who has just joined the staff.

-Thank you to everyone who has helped with the fundraising activities over the last term.

Review of Last Term

-Break the Rules day retained its popularity and was enjoyed by the students.

-Pancake Flip sponsorship continues to wane but it remains a good earner for the amount of effort required by staff and members.

-Secondhand uniform was reasonably well-attended and some students enjoyed the Easter Scavenger Hunt.

-OFS children participated in a dance workshop and the PTA also provided Easter treats and prizes for the bonnet competition.

-The PTA has been experimenting using Facebook polling with its members. The following decisions were made over the last term:

1. The PTA agreed to spend £250 on DT resources.
2. World Book Day brought the Life Dance Workshop to OFS students - £500 from the PTA.
3. The PTA will fund the Challenge Wall in the playground to the amount of £1110.

Treasurer's Report

-Current funds stand at £4,859.24

Spending in the period

-Spotify Subscriptions - £29.97

-Easter Gifts - £56.06

-DT Resources - £69.72

-CSI Day for Y3 & Y4 - £257.50

-Forest School Activities - £49.52

-Playground paint - £47.09

-Small Societies Lottery Fee- £20.00

Allocated money still to be paid

-Challenge Wall - £ 1110

-Salt bins and pencil sharpeners - £183.43

Events in the period - Incoming funds

-Break the Rules Day - £194.90

-Nearly New Uniform Sale - £24.50

-Pancake Flip – £672.61

Upcoming Events and Actions

a) Newsletter

-The PTA are looking to produce a new newsletter to highlight parents' fundraising achievements and draw attention to new projects.

b) Spring Disco and non-uniform day - Friday 6th May

-After a miscommunication, the pupils enjoyed a disco but without the PTA's input. To continue our fundraising efforts, we will now look to a few exciting alternatives in the Summer Term!

-A second disco will be held during school hours.

-Students will be encouraged to bring along a filled jar for a future tombola. Parents will be asked for £2 via ParentMail. The PTA will provide treats/prizes for the disco.

-Could Vanessa please talk to Mrs Burnip about disco payment via ParentMail - thank you.

c) Sponsored Read

-In lieu of a busy term and other fundraising commitments, the School and PTA decided to cancel this event. However, it is something staff and the PTA are keen to revisit at a future date.

d) Summer event and raffle - Thursday 27th May

- No major summer fair at the end of term this year due to building work.
- A 'Jubilee Jamboree' type of mini-fair will be held after school with smaller range of stalls, refreshments and a raffle.
- The PTA is to come up with a list of proposed stalls/games (some ideas include wellie wanging, pick a stick, filled jar tombola, cake stall, refreshments, loo roll lobbing, golf/football goal scoring) and email to school and members. Mr Hudson will ask staff to volunteer for some stalls and the PTA will ask for new parents to volunteer.
- Mrs Pizzey has kindly offered to make Jubilee biscuits.
- Mr Hudson to organise bunting - thank you.
- As time is short, Mr Hudson suggested a '50/50 raffle' where the winner gets 50% of the takings. Members also suggested a 2nd and 3rd prize to increase interest. Suggestion of a 'Fractions Raffle' where 1st prize is 25%, 2nd prize is 15% and 3rd Prize is 10% of monies raised. The school keep the other half. Cost is £1 per number.
- Anna pointed out that OMS ran their raffle via ParentMail. Could we do this? The PTA will speak to Mrs Burnip about this as it will be a real time saver, eliminate the cost of raffle tickets and hopefully increase the ease of purchase for parents/carers.

School requests and potential requirements to be funded

a) Leavers' hoodies and BBQ

- Natalie to organise through Salto with Auriane's help - thank you. Anna will pass on the details from Jenna and Karen last year. Most important thing: get the names right!
- The PTA to again ask for parental contributions and will make up the difference so every student will receive a hoodie.
- The usual leavers' BBQ will also return this year. PTA will provide the food - Mrs Pizzey to invoice us.

b) Sports Day Treats

- The PTA will provide refreshments on the morning of Sports Day (June). We will also provide the students with their ice lolly treat.

c) Playground Equipment

-various items were previously requested. Has been decided to not follow through with these and all available funds go towards the Climbing frame and Challenge Wall.

d) Challenge Wall

-The PTA will provide funding of £1110 for this new project.

e) Climbing frame

-Mr Hudson has received two quotes for this project between £4600 and £4900.

- £1k contribution from school. The PTA will check their figures and see how much we can provide, hopefully about £2k up front – exact amount TBA. Could Mr Hudson also confirm what has already been spent on activity days - thank you.

-Need to fundraise for the shortfall – all events income to be assigned to the climbing frame project. A fundraising thermometer has also been suggested.

Ideas for additional possible activities

Quiz or Bingo night at the Reading Rooms to be held end of June/beg of July. Anna to investigate dates and bar supplies and start planning.

AOB

-New starter parents evening – need a noticeboard display and leaflet for the info pack – Anna to check what we have. Double check the dates. Members welcome to attend.

Date and Time of next meeting

-As the next meeting is an AGM it must be advertised beforehand. Therefore the date to be decided before the end of term.

- Proposed dates: An evening during week commencing 26th September 2022 or 3rd October 2022

-Doodle poll to be conducted at a later date - thank you Anna.