

Saltford School PTA
Monday 14 September 2020 – Via Zoom

Present: Mrs Sage, Amanda Hawkins, Kathryn Hale, Janet Allen, Ruth Presswood, Suzanne Young, Ali Williams, Mrs Hayden, Ciara Fraser, Emma Willett, Becca Knight, Liz Sypko, Amy Andrews, Jamie Eaton, Jenny Abson, Cher Dark, Karen Brookes-Lovell, Kate Ward, Laura Tallo, Pinias Muknoweshura

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- 1.0 **Apologies**
Chris Prideaux, Jody Sparey, Sarah Macnaughton, Claire Harrison, Anita Bignell
- 2.0 **Minutes of the previous PTA Meeting**
The minutes were noted.
- 2.1 Mrs Sage passed on thanks again to Andy Butterworth who has been our treasurer for many years and has now stepped down passing the role to Ciara now his children have all left Saltford.
- 3.0 **Nearly New Uniform Sale**
- 3.1 Sally Sneddon, who previously ran our Pre-Loved Uniform Sales son has now left the school, so Jenny Abson was in attendance today to discuss how we take this forward, taking into account the current COVID situation. Jenny explained that in previous years we have had a drop off bin at the front of the school for any donations. These are collected by a team of volunteers and sorted into age groups ready for the sales which often took place alongside class cake sales. Items were sold for £1 each with money going to the PTA and with the aim of recycling as much uniform as possible. The group discussed ideas for how this could work in the current climate. Ideas noted included; laying clothes at the front of school under the covered area and allocating times for different year groups to visit. Grouping clothes by year group size and having different sales at each zone pick up point. Using a Facebook page for donations/sales. Mrs Sage will discuss further with Jenny and agree how best to proceed. The office will ring Jenny when the bin is ready for collection.
- 4.0 **PTA Funded Items**
- 4.1 Mrs Sage thanked the PTA for the KS2 planners which have been distributed to children. All commitments made prior to lockdown for events such as Forest School and Drumming workshops have been postponed until later in the academic year.
- 4.2 Ciara confirmed there is £7560 currently in the PTA account and will confirm if this includes commitments made once she has had a full handover with Andy later this week. There are also refunds required for Summer Fair adverts due to its cancellation.
- 5.0 **Forward Plan of Events**
- 5.1 At present all the usual events the PTA organise are cancelled due to COVID restrictions. The group discussed alternative ideas, some of which included:
- A virtual market – people pay £5 and the PTA advertise their goods for say a month
 - Non uniform days for £1 or bring something that could go to make up a hamper
 - Christmas cards
 - Online Escape Rooms
 - Products for other occasions including Mother's Day, Father's Day etc.
 - Sponsored sports events, 1, 2, or 5km challenges

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- Class discos
- Decorate a Christmas Stocking
- Virtual Balloon Race
- Village trails
- Classroom events including; Coin trail, classroom cinema, sponsored read, smarties challenge
- Recycling ideas including; batteries, ink cartridges, foreign coins
- Virtual social events; bingo, online quiz

Mrs Sage will look at all of the ideas and see which are viable and try to plan some in to the school calendar for further discussion at our next PTA meeting.

5.2 **Christmas Ideas** – As we will not be able to hold the Christmas Fair this year we discussed some elements that we may still be able to run and agreed on the following: A Mufti Day where children are asked to bring items suitable to help make up hampers that will be used as raffle prizes and a secrets room where children can buy small gifts for their parents. Amanda will lead on organising these with the help of Ali and Becca.

5.3 **Christmas Trees** - Mrs Sage to liaise with Jayne Smith to see if selling Christmas Trees this year is a viable option.

5.4 **Christmas Cards** - Ruth and Becca to organise Christmas Cards this year, we will be moving to online ordering to make the admin side of this project easier, templates are already at school for the teachers to do designs with the children. Laura offered to help, Ruth to liaise on what needs doing.

5.5 **Autumn Village Trail** – We discussed the idea of an Autumn village trail that would be available during October Half Term as an alternative to Trick or Treating which will be restricted this year. The idea is to ask people to decorate their windows with some having a letter that once all collected spell a word. The PTA could sell maps, which includes a bag of sweets that parents can give children once complete. We agreed that Ruth would put together a proposal to the Governors to see if they are happy to support this theme linked to a pumpkin trail. Ruth to then organise with the help of Ali, Becca and Liz.

Funding Requests

6.0 Mrs Sage noted that the school has purchased welly boot storage and asked if the PTA would consider paying for this.

6.1 Mrs Sage asked the PTA if they would release the annual funding for books as these are needed more than ever due to the current restrictions meaning schoolbooks have to be quarantined before being reissued. A book amnesty was also suggested to help restock reading corners.

6.2 Mrs Sage noted a request from Mrs Evans to replace the school's headphone stock as they are very old with many not working.

6.3 We agreed that Mrs Sage would put together a list of bids, in priority order for the PTA to consider once we have confirmation of the exact funding available from Ciara.

6.4 Date and Time of Next Meeting

Monday 9th November 2020 7:30pm – venue to be confirmed nearer the time.