

## Spittal School PFA Meeting Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> September

Present: Kelly, Lou, Nancy, Jo, Caroline, Sam and Karen

Apologies: Becca, Ali, Marie Anne, Emily and Sandra

- Welcome to the first meeting of the school term! Nicola has stepped down as secretary and member of the PFA, a big thank you to her for all the hard work she has done. Lou Lavis will remain chair, Caroline Evans will remain vice chair and Nancy Porter was chosen as secretary. Another thanks to John Davies for making the notice board outside of school, hopefully all relevant letters will be placed in this for all to see. Sandra couldn't make the meeting tonight and sends apologies but provided us with the balance of the account which currently stands at £4096.02, a reasonably healthy amount!
- Lou has found details for a 'School Lottery' which looks really exciting and tickets are only £1 each, this would be in place of the previous 100 club. It would bring in funds for the PFA and each week a parent from school will win a cash prize as well as being put into a grand draw to win £25,000! All members present were in favour for this. We will need to get the registered charity number from Mrs V.
- Currently in Aldi's there is a scheme for school vouchers, if you spend over £30 you get a sticker which goes on a poster, if you collect 300 stickers you can get sports equipment for the school. To get the children involved year 6 could be in charge of doing the stickers. Lou has already applied for the poster.
- Kelly's money from her run needs spending! Plan to request a wish list from the teachers and this money can be used towards that. It was decided it would be helpful to have a face to face meeting with the teachers and members of the PFA, contact Mrs Vaughan regarding this.
- After school clubs- At present (aside from Little Fishes) there are no after school clubs at the school. Jo D's husband is willing to do an after school club about Egyptology for the children which sounds really fun and is in the process of discussing with Mrs V. Jo S has said she would be willing to do gymnastics class for the last hour of the school day, there is plenty of gym equipment at the school. Perhaps a letter could be sent out asking if parents have any skills they could bring to an after school club? Or maybe do a craft evening per term! Nancy will contact Kate Rastall to maybe do a gardening club. Consider getting a list of options for after school clubs to discuss with Mrs V. Kelly already has knowledge of running after school clubs and if under 1 hour and 59 minutes they do not need to register. There is a ration of 1 adult to 13 children legally; could we ask parents to volunteer? Would be highly beneficial to the children!
- There is still no contractor for the school grounds, the question was raised if parents could do it themselves but we believe there is no insurance so it would be done at their own risk.

- The 'Mens Shed' charity is building a mud kitchen, sandpit, water tray and blackboard for the children! Really wonderful idea, thank you to Lou for contacting them. It will be really exciting to see the finished products.
- After a few comments from parents last term it was decided that we would cut back slightly on the fundraising this term and focus on a few big events rather than lots of little ones. The Macmillan coffee morning is coming up and we need bakers! Donations please and all proceeds will go to Macmillan.
- Fruity Thursday was a big hit with the children last year; Sam W and Jo S have offered to help do the first one. Kelly will contact Hannah who is community champion for Tesco's to see if we can get some donations for fruit from them. Also consider looking in the community kitchen in located in Patch in Haverfordwest?
- Christmas is coming! A lovely idea bought up was to go into school and do a picture with the children to make into cards plenty of companies online to do this. Sam W said her children did it previously and it always goes down well with the parents. Will need volunteers for this. Last year hamper sales were quite poor compared to previous years, with many parents saying they didn't get them sent home from school. Could we check with school to make sure tickets go out to every parent? Last year's Christmas fete was a great success, it was decided we would hold another this year but keep it a bit smaller. The children could have their stalls in the school hall like normal and look into booking the village hall later in the evening for other stalls and a mulled wine for the adults! Also could we find out from Mrs V where the money the children raise from their stall goes to? Last term Nicola MB was going to message Sparkle the Elf to come into school for the smaller children, Sam W will chase this up.
- A few ideas for fundraising next year were suggested including a recipe book with recipes from families who attend the school, a sponsored read, an Easter disco, an afterschool Easter bonnet parade, a book sale with just books for the children, bags for school in the summer term, sponsored climbing wall/bounce and penny wars. It was decided there will not be a ladies night or fete in the summer but consider doing an end of term party or disco for the children.
- Although we do participate in the bags for school Sam W has been looking into a rag bank, it can be left outside school all year round for continuous recycling and we could use this as an alternative to bags for school.
- No other business, date for next meeting decided as Thursday 24<sup>TH</sup> October at 8pm Venue TBC.