

**PTA Meeting
Glory Farm School
Thursday 17th January 6pm**

Present: Paul Ducker, Julia Card, Elbert Loubser, Karen Randall, Karen Goodwin, Vicky Harris, Jennifer Snape, Bex Andrews, Clare Bold, Sarah Redding, Lou Walker, Mandy Giraud, Jenny Tattersall, Alison Diamond-Roberts, Bex West, Nic Henton-Mitchell, Janet Walden, Jane Hickling, Stacey Cooper. Apologies if anyone has been missed

Apologies: Erin Klotz, Shirin McGregor.

Treasurers Report: No report as the PTA does not have a treasurer at the current time.

Elbert began by welcoming everyone present to the first PTA meeting of 2013 and introducing Julia Card as the new chairperson. Erin Klotz is happy to continue as secretary. The PTA does, however, require a new treasurer. Lou Walker will consider the role.

Feedback from previous events

Movie Night – This was deemed a great success. Vicky Harris suggested that, in future, it would be good to have a larger selection of movies for smaller groups of children. This will mean that the movies can be shown in the classrooms rather than the halls, leading to a cosier, more comfortable atmosphere and easier 'crowd control'.

Christmas Fayre – A brief discussion took place regarding the cancellation of this event. It was emphasised that the event was not cancelled due to lack of volunteers for the actual event, but rather for the lack of people attending the meetings during which the entire event is organised. The good attendance at this meeting was extremely positive.

The support and hard work of those who organised an unofficial Mini-Fayre was acknowledged with gratitude.

Events for this year

March 1st Race Night – Although this event was enjoyed by those who attended last year, more information about this event will be sent out to encourage better attendance. Jenny Tattershall will lead the organisation of this event which will require flyers, refreshments, approaching companies etc to sponsor horses and arranging the availability of the Hall. Mr and Mrs Shipway have very kindly agreed to continue supporting this event. It was suggested that some horses could be sponsored by age groups.

March 7th/8th Mothers Day Sale – Jane Hickling and Bex West will organise this event, including flyers, ordering sale items, organising volunteers to run the stall and, if the items are not pre-wrapped, ordering wrapping materials.

March 29th (Bank Holiday Good Friday) Easter Egg Hunt – The organisation of this event will be led by Janet Walden, Stacey Cooper and Alison Diamond-Roberts. This will involve flyers, buying/arranging for donation of eggs, organising volunteers to put out the coloured stones/give out eggs and arrange tickets for the event. The stones will need checking and possibly repainting. It was suggested that parents may take advantage of BOGOF (Buy one get one free), offers and donate eggs to the school in this way.

May 18th Car Boot Sale – Mandy Giraud and Sarah Redding will organise this event. This will involve flyers, organising volunteer marshalls to guide cars onto the site, arranging site access via Cooper Schools gate and the collection of monies from sellers. Provisional timing on the day – 8am set up, 8.30am gates open to sellers, 9am car boot start.

May 24th Spring Disco – Vicky Harris will DJ and lead the organization of this event assisted by Clare Bold and Julia Card. This will involve flyers, tickets, refreshments, music and decorating the hall for the event. A selection of themes will be given to the children who will decide via a vote.

June 6th Kids on the Catwalk – This is a company who design fashion wear for children. Children from school model clothing at a fashion show at school and Glory Farm will get a percentage of all sales. Tickets will be sold prior to the event and refreshments will be sold on the night. It was suggested by Nic that this could be tied in with the recycled art/fashion project that she is organising. This was agreed and Nic will organise with another volunteer, and liaise with the company to arrange the night. Celia Sheehan has organized this event before and is happy to help.

June 13th/14th Fathers Day Sale – Although not quite as popular as the Mothers Day Sale, it was agreed that this event would be repeated this year. Sarah Redding and Lou Walker will organise this event which will include flyers, ordering sale items, organising volunteers to run the stall and, if the items are not pre-wrapped, ordering wrapping materials.

June 29th Summer Fête – The initial organisation of this event has already begun. The ice cream van has been reserved and Elbert is going to order the bouncy castle and organise refreshments. Mandy Giraud will co-ordinate volunteers to contact companies for sponsorship via the fête brochure. This is to start ASAP. Prices will be £15 or £20 for a quarter page advertisement, £30 for a half page and £50 for a full page advertisement. Andy Bold will design the brochure and will liaise with Steph Sharp who has designed the brochure previously. Printing of the brochures to be arranged.

July 12th Social evening – Karen Goodwin suggested that this event could become an opportunity for families to camp on the field, making the social evening a festival – *GloryFest!* This was met with enthusiasm and will be looked into at future meetings (regarding permissions required etc). It was suggested that pitches for tents could be sold depending on the sizes of tents.

Any other business

Sponsoring/funding proposals

A kitchen area has been suggested at previous meetings and this idea will be kept in mind and discussed at future meetings.

It was suggested that a wish list is created, upon which staff, children and parents can write what they would like to see at the school. It was also suggested that the School Council might poll the children in each age group to find the top 5 suggestions. The PTA funding of, for example, books at Christmas and subsidising school trips, will continue.

Ideas for fundraising

Class calendars Shopping bags Tea towels Recipe books Cd of school songs
Using Cooper School facilities for events Quiz nights
Agreements with Estate agents (when a parent sells their house through a certain Estate agent, the school receives an amount of money from the Estate agent)

Elbert concluded the meeting by thanking everyone who had attended and especially those who had volunteered to organize events. The meeting had been extremely productive.

Date of next meeting -Thursday February 21st 6pm

If anyone is able to offer their time and volunteer to help with any of the above events, especially with organisation before the day, please contact school with your contact details and the name of the event with which you can help 'FAO PTA' and they will be forwarded to the events' organisers. THANK YOU.