

St. Thomas' PTA Meeting Minutes

Tuesday 25th May 2021 at 8pm

Attendees: Rhian Greaves (Chair), Rebecca Judson (Treasurer), Sarah Morley (Secretary), Joanne Hayes (Corporate Funding Officer), Sarah Dixon, Bec Till, Claire Hyde, Claire Pickup



Agenda Item	Minutes	Actions
<p>1. School Wish List</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ms Loynes would like more musical involvement from Year 1 into Year 2 and at Juniors • School have requested for the PTA to fund the purchase of 180 new recorders • Greenery for playgrounds and gardening activities is also a priority for PTA to help fund 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sarah Morley to ask employer Gear4Music what discount they could provide to purchase 180 recorders • Joanne Hayes to help with corporate funding opportunities for greenery for playgrounds
<p>2. Corporate Funding Update</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Focus for PTA is now music and greenery for school playground • Great news, the PTA have been selected for the ASDA Green Token scheme at Asda Reddish store. Voting opens from 1st June for 3 months, if we get most votes, we will win £500 to help fund planters and seeds. This is a great opportunity; the PTA will promote this cause and ask for parents to vote. • Coop letter and leaflets given out for all children to take home last month. Funding has jumped by £90 in last 8 days. Signpost for carers have been selling craft items at Gatley store to promote their cause, could we do 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PTA to help school fund items or source corporate funding opportunities • Joanne to check if Mr Campen requires any help or advice for plants for playgrounds.

	<p>something similar to promote our cause? Hand out leaflets, stickers – could ask school for ideas / ask if the Year 5 could help so it contributes their young leaders award.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tesco Community Grant (Blue Token scheme) – can apply to be part of scheme to fund a Sound System for KS2 – First Prize = full funding for the sound system (£1387) second Prize = £1000 or Third Prize = £500 • Amazon Smile - up to 130 supporters (increase of 7 supporters since last month). PTA received payment of £112.56 last week • Easyfundraising – up to 111 supporters (increase of just 2 from last month). Need people to promote big donations they have raised from booking holidays etc on our Facebook group. • Grants for plants for school playground – Joanne to investigate any available grants to help. Joanne to check if Mr Campen requires any help or advice for plants for playgrounds. 	
<p>3. Summer Term Fundraising</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Break the Rules day was a huge success and raised approx. £980. Anita’s employees have agreed to match fund the break the rules day total (they can match up to £5k per event! <p>Upcoming events:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 28 May: sports kit non uniform day and sponsored run. • W/c 14 June: father’s day gifts • 18 June: luxury raffle tickets to go out this week 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reach out via PTA Ambassadors group for raffle prizes, ask for volunteers for Sponsored Run, Father’s Day gifts etc to try to spread the workload • Becky Judson to source Father’s Day gifts and seek volunteers to wrap present and sell gifts at infants and juniors • Becky to find lottery license for selling raffle tickets and provide details to Rhian

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 9 July: luxury raffle draw (planning on a pizza oven as our star prize so this will then be available to the winners for the weekend of the Euro football tournament). Some great prizes have been offered by parents including Hot tub hire, Lodge weekend, £200 M&S Vouchers, Heaton Hops Voucher etc. This is all in hand and the PTA will fund a few prizes. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Bec Till to create a poster for Sponsored Run
4. End of year celebrations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> End of year celebrations to be added to next PTA meeting agenda No discos allowed this year due to covid Party bags etc to be provided – to be discussed at next meeting 	<p>Early July:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Year 6 – need to sort out Year 6 party bags and sweet cones. Party to be held in classroom by teachers. Year 2 – picnic towards end of term as part of their visit to the junior site. PTA to arrange ice cream van to visit juniors as an extra treat for their picnic. Year 2 will be missing out on the usual Year 2 performance at the end of term – all to think of alternatives or could ask Y2 for ideas? Maybe a memento or a party bag could be provided
5. Sports Day	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Infants - 23rd June Juniors – 21st June No parents will be allowed to watch or participate this year due to covid restrictions. PTA to look at options to fund and provide refreshments for children and ask for volunteers to organise this from class ambassadors Joanne to enter competition to win 400 Sports Day packs from Pip Organic drinks 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> PTA to look at options to fund and provide refreshments for children and ask for volunteers to organise this from class ambassadors Joanne to enter Pip Organic competition
6. Road Safety	<p>Rhian has discussed with school, and they welcome the PTA's support. They are planning a campaign for October 2021.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Rhian to get back in touch with David Sedgwick

	<p>School interested in Walk Ride Heaton's – Sarah Dixon to contact them again. Link in with council to increase parking restrictions, block roads off etc</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sarah Dixon has emailed Sarah at Walk Ride Heaton's • Discussed encouraging children / families to cycle or walk to school and give out stickers • Agreed we need the school to publicise any initiatives to help address parking issues / encourage cycling / walking to school / walking bus etc rather than this coming from PTA • Barriers needed on A6 and traffic calming measures 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sarah D to contact Walk Ride Heaton's again • Catherine Meardon to contact school about idea to have barriers on A6 • All to think of parking ideas and do some investigation work prior to next meeting e.g., walking bus etc • Bec Till to share Cale Green You Tube Video • Bec has sent Poster Competition packs to Rhian which could be used for the campaign in October
<p>7. AOB</p>	<p>Clothing Collection</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rhian has discussed possibility of a more permanent Clothing Collection point with the school to see how can be achieved within Covid safe guidelines. The school have confirmed this is not something they would be looking to support now. <p>Love Heaton Chapel Litter Pick</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Monthly litter pick in local community and anyone free to volunteer. School have confirmed PTA can help promote this and ask for volunteers to support this community event. <p>PTA Committee night out to be arranged</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sarah to feedback to Love Heaton Chapel that the PTA can help promote the monthly litter pick. • Rhian to discuss possibility of a more permanent Clothing Collection point with the school to see how can be achieved within Covid safe guidelines •
<p>8. Next meeting date</p>	<p>Tuesday 22nd June @ 8pm – possibly in pub rather than a virtual meeting</p> <p>UPDATE – Due to the Euro 2020 England matches on 22nd and 29th June the next meeting will now be held Wednesday 30th</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sarah to set up Zoom details, Social Media notifications and inform school to add date to website / inform parents etc

	June @8.15pm and this will be done via zoom due to Covid restrictions for people to meet indoors.	
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