

**Irthington Village School PTA Meeting 2nd November 2015 at 7.00pm at
Irthington School**

Present – Diane Bryant, Fiona Todd, Emma Chalmers, Rachel Matthews, Emma Skelton, Denene Kerr, Leigh Rutherford, Heidi Wright

Apologies – Mrs Harrison, Mrs Sweetman, Nina Roddam, Maggie Lewis, Julie Storr, Raelene Carruthers, Joanna Wharton, Catherine Edwards, Lynne Lawson, Mandy Ewart

Matters arising from previous minutes:

Both the Social and Halloween party went well, everyone seemed to enjoy them and were well attended. The Halloween in particular benefited from having a microphone. Next year we will cut back on the number of sausages.

The Air Ambulance Collection is sorted, the trailer will be put in place with a sign on it. There are 4 volunteers to help out on the morning.

Expenditure for the forthcoming year.

So far we have spent £366.35 on various books. The coast to coast made £754.87 and there was a profit of £23.19 from the Halloween party. There are still some items for the tuck shop that will do for next year. We have a current bank balance of £4111.27

As no members of staff were at the meeting we didn't know what they were looking to spend money on. After a later discussion and because the next meeting wouldn't be until after the new year we agreed the school could have an arts based performance in school plus up to £15 per child including transport for a school trip between now and the end of the year, this would then be something parents didn't need to pay anything for. We also thought some specific sports coaching would be good and to focus on something like netball, basketball, cricket or gymnastics. Another suggestion would be to pay for some long term music lessons.

Christmas Fair

Sunday 29th November 2.00pm-4.00pm.

Set up time

The following stalls were suggested Crafts & Homemade produce, toy stall, chocolate tombola, wrapped wine bottles lucky dip, brat the dealer lucky dip, raffle tickets at the door, tinsel pull, golden carrots, snowball throw, £1 balancing on a lemon, Soft Toy adoption, Snow Globe making, Turkey Plucking, Mandy & Diane's crafts.

We won't charge for entry but will place a donation bucket at the entrance.

We will offer refreshments in the form of Mulled Wine, Hot Chocolates, Tea, Coffee (instant or filter) and mince pies.

Emma will send a note out to school asking for donations to various stalls. We will also have a wrapping night for the bottles of wine and a non-uniform day for items for the chocolate tombola - date to be confirmed with school

Christmas Cards/Bags

We have received orders for approx. 100 bags, so will order a few more, it is hoped that these will be here for the Christmas Fair, but as yet we haven't received the pictures from school so this may not be the case.

School Christmas Party

Friday 11th December 1.30pm this will be open to nursery and school children. Set up time 1pm. Denene has arranged for Santa to come just before 3pm. Parents to arrive at 3pm.

We will have the following food, little sausages, crisps in bowls, party rings, chocolate fingers, top hats, crispy cakes, grapes and cheese cubes. We will ask Andrew Bailey to get us the Christmas crackers and Mandy if she will organise the teachers table.

Future Events

All dates will need to be confirmed and discussed at another meeting

Games Night - 26th February

Easter Coffee Morning - 24th March 9am - 10.30am

Everesting - May

School Fair - 26th June

Camp Out - 8th or 15th July

AOB

Raelene is organising a Christmas party at Skitby on Saturday 28th November, with any profits from tickets sales going to the PTA. She needs names ASAP or this will be cancelled.

The suggestion of videoing the school plays and selling them was suggested, Emma will speak to Mrs Harrison and get some prices.

Emma is going to look into gift aid and see how we can claim it for school particularly to be used with sponsorship type events.

The Date of next meeting Monday 18th January at 7.00pm in School. TBC