

**Irthington Village School PTA AGM Meeting 28th September 2015 at 7.00pm at
Irthington School**

Present – Diane Bryant, Fiona Todd, Emma Chalmers, Maggie Lewis, Rachel Matthews, Emma Skelton, Denene Kerr, Leigh Rutherford, Julie Storr, Raelene Carruthers, Heidi Wright, Jo Hill, Joanna Wharton, Marie Ridley, Sally Whiteford, Catherine Edwards, Lynne Lawson, Mandy Ewart, Jill Little, Mrs Harrison & Mrs Sweetman

Apologies – Tracy Taylor, Annette Trotter, Nina Roddam, Simon Hansel, Laura Roddam & Annabella Faulder

Matters arising from previous minutes:

Staging – School has received a grant for £9500 this includes the lighting and staging but we would need to pay an extra £1000 for an audio system. School will look at the possibility of selling the old staging.

Expenditure for the forthcoming year.

Mrs Harrison will discuss this at the next staff meeting but for now it was decided to spend £1000 on buses/trips this year, £1000 on new books both for reading and resources in class. Percussion Instruments were also talked about, this will be looked into further. Denene suggested growing another willow sculpture due to its popularity but Mrs Harrison said she would rather leave that a year or so to see how the one we have now was looking.

Social

This is now taking place on Friday 9th October 6.30pm – 8.00pm. We will not charge for this event. Parents will be asked to bring their own drink and a plate of food for a “bring and share” supper. The PTA will buy juice for the children. The idea of having a raffle was suggested.

Halloween Party

The party is on Friday 23rd October 5.30pm – 7.00pm, £2.50 entrance. Tickets will be limited to 70, which can be collected from the school office.

We are going to buy 140 Sausages & 100 Rolls with cheese as an alternative. We will also get drink cartons and will ask for donations for cakes and biscuits.

The Age groups for judging will be KS1 & KS2. The party is for primary school children and younger only. We'll only do 1st Prize for the fancy dress and pumpkins. Tim & Debbie to be asked to judge.

Volunteers to help are Emma S, Fiona, Leigh, Heidi, Sally, Jo, Catherine, Jill, Lynne, Rachel & Raelene. Games suggested were corners, pass the spider/pumpkins, pin the tail on the witches cat, what time is it Mr Wolf.

Jo Hill/Catherine Edwards dad has a microphone and speaker we could use or Irthington Leek club also have one we could borrow.

Decorating of the hall will be at 2.00pm on Friday 23rd, with volunteers back at the hall for 5pm.

Air Ambulance

Monday 9th November 9.30am in school. 1200 bags will be ordered.

Julie Storr and Leigh Rutherford will deliver bags around Laversdale, Fiona & Emma will cover Irthington, Joanna Wharton will cover Newby East. Andrew Bailey's trailer will be positioned in Newtown for people to drop filled bags there.

A box of spare bags will be left at the school gates.

Christmas Fair

Sunday 29th November 2.00pm–4.00pm.

This will be discussed in more detail at the next meeting. Mandy & Diane are going to run an afterschool club to make Christmas Decorations to be sold on Mandy's stall at the Christmas Fair

Christmas Cards/Bags

We discussed the children making their own Christmas Cards or bags, both of which could be sold for approximately £5. It was decided the bags would be more useful if there were waterproof so Leigh is going to look into this

School Christmas Party

Friday 11th December 1.30pm this will be open to nursery and school children. We will use the same company again for the Santa presents.

AOB

As advertised in the parish magazine Raelene is organising a Christmas party at Skitby on Saturday 28th November, with any profits from tickets sales going to the PTA. If not enough tickets are sold the event will be cancelled.

It was discussed labelling homemade cakes, biscuits etc. so adults and children are aware of what is in certain items of baking in case of allergies.

The Date of next meeting will be Monday 2nd November at 7.00pm in School.