

Irthington Village School PTA

Monday 2nd October 2017

7:30pm

1. Apologies

Jill, Mandy, Rachel and Joanna

2. Minutes from previous meeting and matters arising

The Great North Air Ambulance bag collection raised £217.

The next collection date is 6.11.17 at 10am. All bags to be collected from school yard.

3. Funding targets and requests

Emma Skelton asked Mrs Harrison what are the school aiming to raise funds for. Due to the current economic climate, school would, in the first instant like extra funds for nice craft equipment. The funds for these things will be required on an as-and-when basis. Mrs Sweetman also added, it may be needed at a later date to fund new reading books. The PTA are already paying for the pantomime and WhizzKids workshops.

It was also discussed how the current running of the Christmas and Summer fairs are successful, well attended and raise a lot of money in a short space of time. However it is becoming apparent that it is the same families and faces helping with the organising and running of stalls. It was reiterated that new faces are desperately needed to help with up and coming PTA events if they were to remain successful.

4. Calendar of events

-Halloween Party

Emma Skelton suggested that the PTA evening Halloween party be cancelled, as it is a lot of extra effort for not a great fund raiser. Although Fiona Todd was disheartened by this, as she feels it is a memorable event for the children, the PTA agreed that it was a difficult date to squeeze into and already busy calendar, and the organising of this event would be too tricky this year also. Therefore the Halloween Party for 2017 has been cancelled.

-Christmas Party

The school Christmas party will be on Friday 8th December, starting at 1pm and finishing at 3pm, when Santa will arrive to distribute gifts to children. The current system of food works well and so 2/3 adults per class will prepare food. PTA to look back at food list for next meeting.

-Christmas Fair

The Christmas fair will be held in school, on Sunday the 26th November, starting at 2pm and finishing at 4pm.

5. AOB

Karen Crouch has asked if there would be any interest in her holding a school event using her Tropics products as a way to raise funds for school.

As it is becoming increasingly apparent that new parents are reluctant to attend PTA meetings, the school and the PTA are curious as to why, and what can be done to change this. It was suggested that a questionnaire be sent out to all parents via school to ask their opinions on the current running of the PTA and if anything, what would they like to see change to improve their involvement.

The funding of a defibrillator was raised, and the PTA taking an active role in finding out what the current status on a local defibrillator is. As this is a community resource it would be a combined effort in fund raising. There is already a site for the defibrillator.

Meeting closed at 20:04.