

PTA MEETING Wednesday 9th September 2015 7:30pm.

Present

Carla Atkins (chair)
Anna Norton (Vice chair)
Ria Sharpe (Vice secretary)
Kate Sheppard (Secretary)
Sarah Cottrell
Jas Lad
Samantha Bucktin
Sejel Patel
Mr Johnson
Claire Wilde
Ajay pancholi
Amit Chohan
Sam Dodds

Apologies

Sarah Sewell
Julie Barker

Welcome all to the meeting and any apologies

Chairs report- see attached file, to go out with newsletter week ending 18/9/15

Finances- The PTA currently have a good bank balance of £10,803.95

Elections for the New PTA Committee 2015/16

Chair – Carla Atkins
Vice chair – Ria Sharpe
Secretary – Kate Sheppard
Vice Secretary – Anna Norton
Treasurer – Claire Wilde
Vice Treasurer – Katie Leah
Class 1 Parent Liaison – Sam Bucktin
Class 2 Parent Liaison – Sarah Cottrell
Class 3 Parent Liaison – Sarah Sewell
Class 4 Parent Liaison – Julie Barker
Class 5 Parent Liaison – Estelle Skinner

Claire Wilde and Katie Leah will be stepping down from their roles next year, Julie Barker is happy to take on the role of Treasurer if there is no other interest.

Autumn Fair

Raffle tickets will be going out to families next week, each family is asked to try and sell £25 worth of tickets, and this raises a very good amount for the PTA and essentially for all of our children. There will also be a poster to display in cars, house windows etc.



Raffle Prizes

1st prize: £125 John Lewis voucher
2nd Prize: £75 cash
3rd prize: £50 cash
4th Prize: £25 M & S voucher

We are aiming to get about 35/40 other prizes.

Carla has asked The Kirk family if we could kindly use their field for parking
Ria to ask Keith if could bring a vehicle for the children to see/look around

Entrance still the same cost, need 3 people to take entrance fee and answer questions if needed

Carla has organised for the cones from highways, they will be delivering them on the Friday afternoon.

Stall holder information packs- Kate to put together to give out
Anna to request for donations in newsletters from this week.

This year we have one bouncy slide not two.

Alison Kirk will be organising the Raffle tickets.

Claire Wilde will provide a float for entrance and will also arrange a team for cashing up.

Notice will go in the Syston Times and also The Thurmaston Times

Kate to compile a list of children helping so that they get a merit badge

Britvic- date to be arranged to collect, Kate to arrange collecting.

Mints/sweets/crisps Ria to collect nearer the time.

Teacher Requests

None

A.O.B

Kate discussed ordering some cotton bags to sell at the autumn fair, she is going to try really hard to get them printed and sent out in time.

Kate is organising Christmas card designing and selling to the parents, to speak with Mr Cotton around dates.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING MONDAY 5TH OCTOBER 2015 at 7.30pm.



CHAIR'S REPORT – 2014/2015

I would personally like to say to everyone involved in raising money for The Pochin School, well done and Thank You very much for your continued support in raising hard earned money to enhance the school life of our children.

I believe it is evident that last year was a very productive and busy year for the PTA which has resulted in it's great success.

Over the past year the PTA have had some very positive feedback/comments from parents/governors/teachers in our mission to be a successful PTA for the school raising valuable funds and that I think we can say we have achieved that. An amazing **£10,664** has been raised, which for a small village primary school is an enormous amount of money.

The two key fundraising events for the PTA – Autumn Fair (£4716 - 2014) and Spring Coffee (£1465 - March 2015) and so both achieving fantastic results – and that is down to the hard work, dedication and commitment of the PTA (and that's not just the committee), but to all those parents and individuals who have worked with the committee to “make it happen”.

2014 saw the PTA continue to pursue different events – Shopping Night (£189), Mad March Hair (£101), Cake Stall (£150) and Recycling Clothes (£270). I think we all agree events well worth trying again, with our learnings and insights into doing even better next time.

So what about what the PTA have spent the funds on?, to name a few:-

- Variety of Authors who came into school to talk and illustrate to the Children which I believe was an invaluable experience for all our children
- Punctuation Show – again something invaluable and new for the children of all ages.
- Money for new school books – a huge investment into reading material for our children.
- Poetry Workshop
- Interactive Animal Demonstration
- New playground equipment as they children enjoy their playtime



- Climbing Wall now for all children to experience
These are just a few to share, but many more we fund.

As a PTA we continuously ask for parent feedback on how people wish to see the funds spent, and we will continue to do this as we have taken offered initiatives seriously this year.

So as a chairperson I would like to take this opportunity to say “Thank You” for all the hard work and dedicated work and efforts shown by all in helping to lighten the load of all the behind the scenes work.

I hope that the PTA keeps going from strength to strength and has many new faces with new ideas who will come forward to help with all the fundraising activities. After all we are all doing this for the benefit of our very own children.

Once again Thank You and Well done.

Regards
Carla Atkins
September 2015

