

Our lady of Lourdes PTA

Minutes of meeting held on Friday 3rd February 2017

Present: Cynthia Okpokiri, Philippa Norman, Vicki Stephenson, Mel Fane, Charly Fox (Secretary), Nicky Whitfield, Kelly Kelly, Helen Snow, Kevin Golding and Emma Briggs (Chair)

PARC Swings

MF informed the group that the school are in discussions with PARC to hold a Swings Jazz Evening with a three course meal, the profits to be donated to OLOL School. There has been discussions as to where to hold the event, either in the school hall or an outside venue, for example The Hilton. A price of £30-£35 per head for a 3 course meal and half bottle of wine was quoted from the Hilton. Further discussion to be had and Cathy from the PARC Charity will be attending the next evening PTA meeting on 2nd March to discuss and finalise plans.

Events for the new term

It was agreed that the film night for Reception and KS1 will be Trolls and will be held on Friday 3rd March straight after school. Tickets are £3.50 and include a hot dog, popcorn and a drink. The date for KS2 film night is still to be agreed.

Note: Following the meeting the KS2 film night will be held on Wednesday 15th March – film TBC

A Bingo night will be held as a free event to say thank you to parents for supporting the PTA. A date of March 24th was provisionally put forward. KK suggested hiring a live band instead of a disco for entertainment after the bingo

Action MF to look into securing a live band for the night.

Note: Following the meeting the date was not suitable and is still to be agreed. This item will be rolled over to the next meeting. Action EB

Decorate an egg

KK suggested a decorate an egg competition for the spring/Easter term. A child can choose to decorate an egg and enter the competition for the chance of winning a prize. This is a free event.

Chocolate raffle

A chocolate raffle held in previous years has proved to be very successful. It was agreed to hold the raffle again for Easter. Parents/carers will be asked to donate chocolate that will be then made in a fantastic tower and raffled off.

Parent/carer involvement

MF explained about the role of a class representative and others ways of keeping parents informed of PTA activities. She explained about the OLOL PTA website, Facebook page as well as the PTA funded texting service. CO and PN both agreed that it would be useful for texts to be sent out regarding specific requests so that parents/carers could choose to volunteer or contribute on an event by event basis.

A document detailing the different ways of keeping in touch with the PTA was agreed to be very useful. It was suggested that that a “welcome pack” could be given to reception parents/carers at the parents evening with information on how get in touch/keep up to date with PTA issues and to include a teabag and biscuit!

Action: KK and MF to take forward.

Note: These were given out at the reception parents evening on the 6th and 9th February.

PTA website

There is a very informative website for parents/carers to look at detailing all the work that the PTA do, where the money is spent and upcoming events and more www.ololpta.org.uk However it was noted that it wasn't that well known about. Agreed that it should be "re-launched" and children will be invited to design a PTA logo which can be used on the website. This will be a free event. The winning entry will be used on the webpage.

PTA newsletter

EB and CF will produce a PTA newsletter each term. It will be published on a different day to the school newsletter and will be made available on line, and as hard copies in book bags and the school foyer area.

Action: EB and CF

Living Streets Micro Scooter

MF won a micro scooter and helmet. It was agreed that this could be raffled as part of the Walk to School week

Action: MF

Bag to School

Bag to School will be held on Thursday 16th March. Parents/carers will be given a Bag to School bag to fill with unwanted clothing and shoes – no school uniform allowed unfortunately.

Cake stall

Due to the success of the previous cake stalls it was agreed that the cake stall will return in in the Spring/Summer term. This will start on the 5th May and last for 7 weeks. It was discussed selling Ice Lollies in the Summer Term instead of cakes.

Any other business

HS discussed a letter that she had received from an Usborne book seller who can run activities to the school to support and encourage reading. One service she can provide is running a book stall on World Book Day where children can redeem their tokens towards the cost of a book which can be ordered from her stall. Up to 60% of profits made in book sales will be donated back to the school in free books.

Action: EB to check with Mr Beverton that World Book Day will be taking place at OLOL this year and if Usborne books could have a stall. Other services she provides for further discussion and will be rolled forward to the next agenda.

Note: Mr Beverton has agreed to the World Book Stall.

CO suggested the possibility that parents and child could sell unwanted items (similar to a car boot) possibly in the school grounds, with the profit taken from hiring a stall being donated to the PTA. Item to be rolled onto the next agenda.

Thank you to those that attended.