

## Oatlands School PTA Meeting

26<sup>th</sup> November 2024



Start of meeting 19.45

Present:

Carina MacKenzie - Chair	Paula Guedes - Treasurer
Mrs Mooney – Head Teacher	Vasti Grootz - Deputy Treasurer
Laura Rust - Secretary	Dominique Shakir – Lions
Suzanne Tooley – Leopards Teacher	Camilla Fadel - Ladybirds

### Welcome and Apologies

- Apologies received from Sarah Read and Helena Gibbons

### Minutes of last meeting

- The minutes of the last meeting were approved without amendment and are available on the school website.

### Treasurers Report

- The committed spend agreed for this year is £15,050.
- The committed spend for one-off projects is £12,500.

### Events Past

- **Sponsored Relay Run – 20<sup>th</sup> October** – This was a very popular event where the children have lots of fun! Thank you to Vicky Hannah, Paula Guedes and Zoe Westwood with their help organising the event. Another mum, Alex Tasker has already expressed interest in helping to run the event next year! The relay raised just over £2,000 before Gift Aid. The total may be boosted with employee matches.
- **Wine Tasting Evening – 21<sup>st</sup> November** – This was very successful and it worked really well with Valentina's running the event again. The raffle on the night raised almost £500, so in total the event raised £1,250. There was some discussion regarding holding the event again in Spring or Summer, either wine tasting again or possibly beer tasting.
- **Nativity Lending Library** – The library has received positive feedback but stock levels are low so another message will be circulated after the nativities to replenish the stock. Next year there is the possibility of also co-ordinating a WhatsApp group for people to swap costumes.
- **PTA Charity Appeal** – It was decided that this probably won't go ahead this year. Instead, we will donate to Save the Children by taking part in the Christmas jumper day on the 13<sup>th</sup> December.

### Events Future

#### Autumn Term

- **Wreath Making – 11<sup>th</sup> December** – The event has sold out with 54 tickets being purchased and 6 to a table. This will be monitored to see how it works on the night and increase numbers next year or upsell anything else. VG and LR will run the bar and possibly a raffle. It is expected that a profit of over £750 will be made.
- **Year 1 Carol Concert – 17<sup>th</sup> December** – PTA will provide the drinks. To date, no Year 2 volunteers have come forward. A reminder will be sent round however we might need to rely on Year 1 parents as last year. The service will start at 6pm with drinks to be served at 6.30pm

– 7.30pm. Donations for mulled wine and mince pies will be requested on Monday 16th and Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> December.

- **Reception Bake Sale - 20th December** - PG asked if it would be possible to host a bake sale on the last day of the school year at 1pm. (Update post-meeting: Mrs Mooney has confirmed that this can go ahead)

### Spring Term

- **Treasure Hunt – 18<sup>th</sup> January** – This was very popular last year. We charged £3 last year and are intending to do the same this year. £440 was raised last year. After Christmas, we will ask for a plastic amnesty again to use for the event.
- **Sponsored Bounce– 14<sup>th</sup> February** – We have had a quote of £100 from Airscape Events (same company as used last year), so we will use them again this year. We will be specifically raising money for some reading tables to enhance the children's reading environment.
- **Quiz Night – 1<sup>st</sup> March** – Speed quizzing has provided a quote of £150 to host. Last year there were 9 teams of 6 and we raised around £700 profit. It was decided that we would liaise with alternative venues. VG will also contact the cricket club for a quote. Instead of fish and chips, a platter may work better in terms of the clearing up time after the event.
- **MAGs craft mornings – 24<sup>th</sup>-25<sup>th</sup> March** – Sarah Moody will co-ordinate this.
- **PTA Discos – 29<sup>th</sup> March** – This event is very stressful to run and doesn't raise much money. Mrs Mooney will speak to Mrs Chilver about getting involved in this and also it might be better to run this for 3 consecutive afternoons after school.
- **Bake Sales hosted by Y1 – 1<sup>st</sup> - 2<sup>nd</sup> April TBC** – Last year's bake sales made around £500 each with not much effort. In the New Year, we will put a shout out for volunteers to run their year group's sale. There was some discussion about a festive bake sale instead and maybe co-ordinating this with the Christmas Jumper Day on the 13<sup>th</sup> December.

### Summer Term

- **Spring Ball – 10<sup>th</sup> May** – There is an excellent team in place and the deposit has been paid for the Oatlands Park Hotel and the theme has been agreed. All communications will be through Instagram rather than the website. We also now have a lottery licence in place.
- **DUGS craft mornings – 9<sup>th</sup>-10<sup>th</sup> June** – To be discussed at the next meeting.
- **Community clear up – 8<sup>th</sup> June** – To be discussed at the next meeting.
- **Bake Sale hosted by Y2 – TBC**
- **PTA Fun Day – 29<sup>th</sup> June** – To be discussed at the next meeting.
- **New Families Welcome Picnic – 5<sup>th</sup> July** - To be discussed at the next meeting.
- **Family Camping – 11<sup>th</sup>-13<sup>th</sup> July** – To be discussed at the next meeting.
- **Bake Sale – 15<sup>th</sup>-16<sup>th</sup> July (TBC)** – To be discussed at the next meeting.

### AOB

- The Treasury document storage has now been sorted and we will be using Google Drive.
- The PTA Constitution needs to be looked at and updated.
- There was some discussion in regard to the recent school photos and negative feedback. It was decided that a small committee would meet and look at some alternative suggestions.
- Easy fundraising has now been set up with 18 families registered.
- FOS registrations need updating.

**Close of meeting 21:25**

**Date of next meeting: Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> January 2025 - 7:30pm**