

## Oatlands School PTA Meeting

7<sup>th</sup> November 2023

Start of meeting 19.35

Present:

Carina MacKenzie - Chair	Alex Fitzpatrick – Community Coordinator
Sarah Read – Co-chair	Agnieszka Czarnocka – Ladybirds
Laura Rust - Secretary	Rachel Harris – Leopards
Jono Gomez – Treasurer	Gabi Croci – Lions
Vasti Grootz – Deputy Treasurer	Mrs Parmesan – teacher

### Welcome and Apologies

- Apologies received from Mrs Mooney and Esther Biddle

### Minutes of last meeting

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

### Treasurers Report

- Incomings since 1<sup>st</sup> September totals £714
- The wine tasting event has raised £910.03 so far (event being held on the 30<sup>th</sup> November) – this has not been paid into the bank as yet.
- The sponsored relay has raised £2,260 and £500 in gift aid (this has yet to be paid into the bank)
- Other income can be broken down into the following –
- Elmbridge lottery - £24
- Charities Aid Foundation - £50

### Events Past

- **Sponsored Relay - 5<sup>th</sup> November** – The relay race was hugely popular and raised £2,700 (including gift aid). The children had so much fun and it was agreed that this would be an annual event which will be held at the same time next year.

### Events Future

#### Autumn Term

- **Plastic Amnesty - week commencing 13<sup>th</sup> November** – In order to ensure less purchasing for the Family Funday in June, people are welcome to bring in any plastic toys that are in good condition from party bags etc that can be used as prizes on the stalls.
- **Wine Tasting Evening – 30<sup>th</sup> November** – 47 tickets have been sold so far, so currently a profit of £400 will be made if no more tickets are sold. There was some discussion in regard to holding a raffle on the evening, with the winner receiving a hamper courtesy of Valentina's. It was agreed that the voluntary platform fees will now become mandatory for any events held but will remain voluntary for events such as MAGs and DUGs.
- **Year 1 Carol Concert** – Traditionally reception parents provide food and drink for the event with Year 2 serving. EB will update shortly as to whether the format will stay the same this year.
- **Christmas Charity Appeal – TBC** – AF discussed the options for the Christmas Charity Appeal this year. In order to draw into the school values and support the local community, Stripey Stork has been chosen. The Charity supports vulnerable children and families based in Surrey. Stripey Stork provide a Christmas appeal brochure and an online wish list for you to decide on the gift you wish to purchase. The charity will provide baubles for the children who can then

decorate and return them to school once they have selected their gift. AF will set up a wish tree with baubles for the children to pick. AF will also come and talk in assembly to discuss the charity with the children.

- It was agreed that both Christmas Jumper Day (7<sup>th</sup> December) in aid of Save The Children and Children in Need will take place.
- **Year 1 Bake Sale – TBC** – It was decided that this would be moved to the Spring Term with Reception and Year 2.

### **Spring Term**

- **Reception Bake Sale – TBC** – This will be discussed at the next meeting in January.
- **Treasure Hunt – 13<sup>th</sup> January** – The treasure hunt will start at Oatlands Park finishing at the school with edible prizes. Tickets will be sold at £3 each per child. There will be an option to add an extra £5 as an additional voluntary donation.
- **Quiz Night – 3<sup>rd</sup> February** – The general consensus was to go ahead with the recommendation of the electronic quiz provider. Last year £210 was raised in additional clues, so the provider has said they will try and facilitate this.
- **Sponsored Bounce – 9<sup>th</sup> February** – It was agreed to go ahead with the same company as last year, who are quoting £90 (versus £75 last year).
- **MAGS craft mornings – 4-5<sup>th</sup> March** – This will be discussed at the next meeting in January.
- **Year 2 Bake Sale - TBC** – This will be discussed at the next meeting in January.
- **Painting and Prosecco night – TBC** – This will take place late in the Spring Term – more details to follow.

### **Summer Term**

- **Disco – 27<sup>th</sup> April** – To be discussed at a later date.
- **Spring Ball – 11<sup>th</sup> May** - There has been no responses as yet from CM's WhatsApp messages in regard to prizes for the ball in May. It was decided that another message will be sent round the beginning of next year to follow up.
- **DUGS craft mornings – 10<sup>th</sup> - 11<sup>th</sup> June** – This will be discussed at the next meeting.
- **PTA Fun Day – 30<sup>th</sup> June** – This will be discussed at a later date.
- **Family Camping event – 12-14<sup>th</sup> July** – The date of the camping event has now been confirmed.
- **Ice-cream Sales - TBC** – This will be discussed at a later date.

### **AOB**

- We have confirmed with the school that we will fund £10,000 for new Oscar toilets. Now we have committed the money, the school can now apply for the grant for the new toilets.
- We have also committed £2,500 to help update the school website.
- Miss Lawford has stated that new furniture is required in the reception classes at a cost of £8,000.
- It will likely be in the region of £30,000 to update the playground equipment but hopefully the dedicated sponsored events should support the fundraising goal. It was discussed if it would be possible to partially fix some of the playground. Mrs Parmesan to speak with Mrs Origo.
- Mrs Matthews has some concern that it is extremely dark when picking up children from Oscar club. There needs to be additional lighting.
- There was also some discussion relating to having some more appropriate bicycle storage for Reception and Year 1 and if there should be a scooter park.
- Year 2 have already been given parts for the nativity and swapped costumes if needed, however, the nativity lending library will still go ahead for Reception and Year 1.
- It was also agreed that there will be a Christmas jumper store where jumpers can be purchased for £2/£3.
- We are currently using Dropbox to share information with the accountant, costing £36 per month. JG is going to look into different alternative options and report back findings.
- Only 21 families out of 200 are regularly donating to the school. It was agreed that instead of using WhatsApp to promote this, it should be done through the school.

**Close of meeting 20:42**

**Date of next meeting: Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> January - 7:30pm**