

Oatlands School PTA Meeting

14th January 2025



Start of meeting 19.45

Present:

Carina MacKenzie - Chair	Sarah Read – Deputy Chair
Mrs Mooney – Head Teacher	Vasti Grootz - Deputy Treasurer
Laura Rust - Secretary	Nicola Filipiak – Lions
Mr Copsey – Deputy Head	Natasha Longton - Ladybirds

Welcome and Apologies

- Apologies received from Paula Guedes and Helena Gibbons

Minutes of last meeting

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

Events Past

- **Nativity Lending Library** – This was very popular and received positive feedback. Stock levels are now low so will need to be replenished ready for next year.
- **Wreath Making – 11th December** – This was a really good, fun evening. There was, however, a lot of tidying up at the end so we may need to rethink this ahead of next year. There were the right number of attendees for the event, selling more tickets would have made it cramped. We have already booked for this year – Saturday 6th December 2025.
- **Year 1 Carol Concert – 17th December** – The concert itself was very enjoyable. A lot of people did leave straight after due to the bad weather and there was also some confusion as to where the mulled wine and mince pies would be afterwards (either at the Church or school). Communications will be made clearer this year.

Events Future

Spring Term

- **2nd Hand Uniform Sale – 16th January** – This is already organised and the team are ready to go!
- **Treasure Hunt – 18th January** – £100 has been raised so far from 19 families and tickets will also be available to purchase on the day. Attendees will have access from 11am with the event being held from 12-2pm.
- **Sponsored Bounce– 14th February** – Each class will have a target of £399 with a prize for any class who hits the target. There was some discussion to provide a physical piece of paper for donors to complete, rather than doing this just online.
- **Quiz Night – 1st March** – Speed quizzing has provided a quote of £150 to host. CM will contact The Ship in Weybridge as an alternative venue. VG will also contact the cricket club for a quote.
- **MAGs craft mornings – 24th-25th March** – Sarah Moody will co-ordinate this.
- **PTA Discos – 29th March (TBC)** – CM has messaged Mrs Chilver and is waiting to hear back. She would only be able to run this on a Saturday.
- **Bake Sales hosted by Y1 – 1st - 2nd April (TBC)** – This date is yet to be confirmed and will be discussed at the next PTA meeting.

Summer Term

- **Spring Ball – 10th May** – We have now paid the 1st 25%. We have secured a gold level sponsorship (£1,000). Tickets will go on sale on the 28th February. There will be a maximum of 13 people to a table. All information will be communicated via the events Instagram page. Mrs Mooney and Mr Copsey are going to think about other ideas that the school could offer as auction prizes.
- **DUGS craft mornings – 9th-10th June** – To be discussed at the next meeting.
- **Community clear up – 8th June** – To be discussed at the next meeting.
- **Bake Sale hosted by Y2 – TBC**
- **PTA Fun Day – 29th June** – To be discussed at the next meeting.
- **New Families Welcome Picnic – 5th July** - To be discussed at the next meeting.
- **Family Camping – 11th-13th July** – To be discussed at the next meeting.
- **Bake Sale hosted by Reception – 15th-16th July (TBC)** – To be discussed at the next meeting.

Treasurers Report

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

AOB

- The PTA Constitution needs to be looked at and updated. The document on the Charity Commission website is very outdated.
- A meeting to discuss a new school photographer is scheduled for tomorrow evening. The committee will feedback their findings shortly after the meeting.
- Easyfundraising has now raised £270 to date, with 35 families currently signed up.
- FOS registrations are still low. The school will send some correspondence on behalf of the PTA.
- There are two PTA committee vacancies for 2025/2026 – Chair and Deputy Chair (or two Co-Chairs).
- Lighting in the playground is on the radar. The school has made a successful application for additional funding and through the 'Wraparound childcare revenue grant.' Some of this funding will be used to improve Oscar Club security systems.
- Flooding in the playground was also discussed. Work has been done on this previously, with cameras being put down the drains. Unfortunately, not much can be done as the drains go under the wooded area and the trees have TPO's. Mrs Mooney will raise this again with the governors at the facilities meeting next week.

Close of meeting 20:36

Date of next meeting: Tuesday 11th March 2025 - 7:30pm