

Minutes of PTA Meeting
on Thursday 9th November at 2pm

Present: - Fiona O'Reilly, Kirsty Henry, Anne Lapsley, Rachael Eglington, Ruth Walker, Katie Evans, Deborah Johnson, Mrs Forster,

Apologies: - Sylvia Campbell, Elaine, Melville, Sarah Gallier, Donna Nicol.

1. Halloween disco: - Fiona said there were 76 children and we made about £150. It was a very successful evening.
2. Sponsored walk: - It was a great afternoon, the weather was great and a good turnout. Initial estimates show that £316 has been raised.
3. P7 Hoodies: - Anne said the hoodies are ordered and will be delivered in about two weeks.
4. Christmas cards: - Fiona said the cards have been ordered and will hopefully be here by Monday so that we can sell them at the parent contact evenings.
5. Parent contact evenings 13th and 15th: - An email was sent out on Wednesday to remind parents about the Christmas jumper swap. Mrs Forster will get a Tweet sent out today with a further reminder. Mrs Forster told us that texts are very expensive as cost 7p per text per family that is sent, so from now on the PTA will use emails to inform parents.
6. Kilted Christmas tree flyers will be there to hand out at the evenings as well. To get the discount you need to have the flyer and we only have a certain number of flyers. So, we need to make sure the flyers are given to people that really want to buy a tree or wreath. Kilted Christmas trees are donating a tree to the school and they are giving us 4 wreaths to show to parents at the evenings.
7. Katie has made up a helper's rota for the Christmas market to have out on the evenings to hopefully get a few parents to sign up to help.
8. Fiona said we need to have helpers at the contact evenings and we have enough for the Wednesday evening but are a bit short on the Monday so Kirsty is to send out an email to other PTA members to see if they available to help.

9. Shopping evening: - Katie said that Elaine has let her know that Grace and her friends are happy to do face painting, and Elaine will organise “name the teddy” and “how many sweets in the jar”. Elaine is also going to prepare some crafty stuff and some home baking to sell on the made in Fossoway stall. Katie said we are full in terms of stall holders. Rachael has offered to co-ordinate the made in Fossoway stall. Mrs Forster said that Christina Smith has been making some craft items to sell on the stall. Katie said that we will be setting up from 3pm, but she will check with Sarah to see if we can get in a bit earlier to clear the back rooms. Katie will make up a rota for the P7 helpers, and Mrs Forster said that they are all very keen to help on the night. Sarah is working on the posters to put up arounds the village and on flyers to be distributed to parents.

The hall committee will get all the decorations up in time for the evening. Tricia said that her husband could be Santa and she also has an outfit. Anne will buy 100 selection boxes and Deborah can buy any from us that aren't used.

Deborah is to run the craft stall with Debs. Deborah has sourced a p.a system for the evening. Rachael has asked a friend whose son plays the bagpipes if he would be able to come along on the evening form 6:30-6:45. Ruth is to set up a Facebook event page to help advertise the event.

10. Gift wrap: - the gift wrap is on the 18th December, Kirsty will organise a rota of helpers. We will need at least 8 helpers and as last year we will use the hall to do the wrapping. The children are to write their tags before they come with the gifts to get wrapped. P7's will be able to help with directing the children. We will need to check how much wrapping paper we have left.

11. Easyfundraising: - Fiona said that the PTA received £69 last week from Easyfundraising, highlighting again what a great tool it is for raising funds for the school.

12. OSCR update: - the accounts have been filed.

13. Midyear social: - Anne is happy to host again at her house and we will hopefully have this in January. A date is to be made at a later date.

14. Games marking update: - Mrs Forster said that Elaine's contact is coming tomorrow regarding the games marking, so we will get a proper costings after that.

15. Spring gardening: - to discuss at a later date

16. Sainsburys bag pack: - Fiona has put a request into Sainsburys, so we are just waiting to get a date.

17. February fundraiser: - it was decided that we can't do the family ceilidh in February as the hall are having their burns supper so we don't want to tread on their toes with another similar event. We will hopefully have a ceilidh at a later date. Rachael said she had been at a gin tasting evening at the Kirklands that was really good, and she will look to see if they could host one for a PTA fundraiser.

18. Summer event: - to be discussed at a later date.

19. Next meeting: -18th or 26th January