



HEADINGTON QUARRY PTA

Meeting Minutes – 21st January 2016

1. Present

Fleur (Co-Chair), Sarah, Rachael, Beatrice, Kate (co-secretary), Marie (co-secretary), Debbie (treasurer), Linda, Kelly, Michaela,

2. Apologies

Gail (Co-Chair)

3. Christmas Fair Review

It was a very successful event, lots of positive feedback from parents and we raised an amazing £1,498.64, 5% more than last year.

What worked well?

Friday afternoon session of toy sorting, tombola labelling and wine bottle wrapping worked very well, made setting up much easier.

Good for the PTA members to float during the event so they can help where needed to cover stalls when volunteers do not turn up or need extra help.

Jam Jar Tombola was very popular and raised £161

Paper cups from Café Nero worked very well, no washing up and easy to prepare.

What could we have done better?

Lesley suggested moving the face painting into the craft room, so that children can do the crafts whilst they wait, with a numbered ticket.

We need extra people for face painting or to pay a professional face painter to attend the event.

Reduce the number of spaces on the volunteering sign up sheet for the Friday set up to encourage more parents to sign up for Saturday shifts.

Can we ask bakers to send in ingredients lists with their cakes and biscuits, to help those with allergies or intolerances?

Wine & water got a little confusing; it would be good for there to be a clear system that everyone can stick to.

Santa's Grotto raised £94, but ran out of lucky dip presents, we need to aim for 100 presents next year.

Craft bags were well received but there were a lot left over, next year aim for 50.

4. Valentines Cake Sale

Last Friday of this term – 12th February
Kate to ask Mazz if she can design a poster to promote the sale.

Volunteers:

9.10 – Marie, Kate
11.40 – Fleur
1 - Rachael
3.3- - Marie, Kate

5. Curry & Quiz Night – Saturday 16th April

The Curry & Quiz night is a fun evening for parents to get together, enjoy some great food and test their pub quiz skills!

Proposed dates clash with St Andrews and Windmill events.

New date confirmed as Saturday 16th April.

Some talk around the event being on a Friday but many parents who work in London wouldn't make it back in time.

Kate to contact Aziz (we should expect a price increase) and Oxford Event Hire with regards to plates etc.

Chris Hale to be quiz master.

Rachael to lead on quiz questions, but it is suggested that we can split the quiz and everyone do a round of questions each.

6. Bring & Share Lunch – Saturday 21st May

A free social afternoon event at the school, where families bring a dish or two to enjoy with everyone. The children play in the garden; hopefully there will be morris dancers and the rainbow class show off their maypole dancing skills.

Date agreed – 21st May 2016

Kate to speak with Lisa Crook regarding the Morris Dancers attending.

7. End of Year Party

Ideal date - 2nd July

Debbie to check on hall and Jester Giggles availability.

8. AOB

A big thank you to Sophie Clegg and David Bruce for their kind donation to the school.

Nichola Heer, Mum to Nadia in blue group has set up a Facebook group – Headington Parents Network. A very useful list of Baby/Pre-School events in Headington has been added and it's a great place to ask local parents for recommendations.

Farms2ewe a mobile farm will be at the school on March 21st, this is funded by the PTA and the St Andrews school association.

First Aid course will run on Wednesday 27th January at the school from 9.30-11.30, a voluntary contribution on £5 would be gratefully received.

Why do they do that? – Wednesday March 19th 9.15 and 1.15 in the Community Room.

Sally Thomas is a nationally recognised Early Years expert and will talk to us about young children. Discussing topics such as eating, sleeping and behaviour. Ahead of the event you will have the opportunity to anonymously pose a question to Sally, which she will discuss during her session.

We have been asked to consider holding an evening PTA meeting so that parents who work full-time can attend. It is proposed that we hold a fundraising meeting one evening after half term to discuss fundraising opportunities for the schools climbing frame appeal.

The school needs to raise approximately £10,000 for a new climbing frame. In-depth discussions are needed to explore fund raising options such as lottery funding, sponsored events and local grants.

PTA section on the school website needs updating, to include confirmed dates for upcoming events – Kate to do this.

9. Next Meeting

Friday 26th February