

14th October 2016

PTA AGM

Welcome to new Parents

- John Grove welcomed all new parents and carers and thanked the PTA for their continuing support and generosity to the school.

Minutes from last AGM / Trustees report

- Fergal Spencer went through the previous minutes of the PTA Trustee's meeting. Hard copies were issued. It was reported that a van was no longer needed for Baki and Ray.
- Claire Howell discussed the Treasurer's report and hard copies were issued. The expenditure for the playgrounds at Webb's and Meteor and the music provision was discussed. Claire said that £10,000-15,000 is always kept aside for regular PTA contributions.
- Historically the biggest income has been from local estate agent sponsorship and local businesses, which will decrease this year.
- The PTA calendar photos will be taking place next week on Thursday and Friday (20 and 21 October), which the PTA will be helping to fund this year.
- There will be a new online shopping system this year, with Field & Flower as the supplier instead of Abel & Cole.
- 'Belleville Bites' will continue this year, with a new recipe book to be developed for the summer. A PTA member said she will send out an email requesting everyone's favourite recipes.

Calendar of events

- Christine Glauerdt spoke about the new Belleville School app, and how the school is trying to provide and improve electronic communication as hard copy letters don't always make it home. Christine has been liaising with Halima Kalim to post PTA news and dates on the app.
- John Grove apologised for the confusion surrounding the October inset day. This date has been in the internal school planner since Easter but had not been cross referenced with the dates previously sent out in newsletters. Dates have now been amended on the website, on the app calendar and a message will be sent from the app to notify parents and carers of the calendar change and to apologise.
- Christine Glauerdt spoke about the forthcoming events for the year:
 - The second film night for KS2 will be taking place tonight (14 October). The film nights will be repeated in March.
 - Tickets for the PTA Quiz Night will be on sale next week and will take place on 11 November.
 - The Christmas shopping night will take place on 15 November.
 - Christmas Fair will take place on 9 December.
 - Christine said that help would be appreciated to organise the PTA calendar consent forms as this takes a lot of time.

- A message regarding the calendar consent forms deadline to be sent out on the app today (14 October).
- Theatre tickets were discussed and the possibility of adding an extra £2 instead of £1 this year was raised.
- A PTA member brought up the possibility of children filling up jars with copper coins to raise money, but there will need to be a clear rationale behind this.

Vacant Offices – Secretary and Website administrator

- Christine Glauerdt now has access to the PTA section of the website which she will be updating. There is vacancy for a website administrator which Christine encouraged PTA members who are interested in this role to come forward.

Proposed Trustees and Officers for the year (as per report)

- All happy for Fergal and Christine to continue on as co-chairs and for Claire and Tom to continue as treasurers.
- It was reported that the PTA is looking for more trustees. Trustees' role includes helping with organisation, the running of events and being involved with admin. There are currently 8-10 trustee members. Not everyone needs to turn up to the trustee meetings. Trustees are asked well in advance to help run events.

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- **Christmas fair** – members are asked to take on a stall each year and usually run the same stall as the previous year. Where there are stalls being run by new people there will be handover notes from last year with instructions. Organising the raffle is simple, only 25 prizes are needed. As much help as possible is appreciated for Santa's grotto.
- **Clubs charge** – A PTA member asked parents and carers their views on the new charges for clubs. John Grove said that for the last 8-10 years funding has reduced. The school is adapting to these cuts without having a negative impact on provision and the school will always ensure appropriate subsidies are in place for PP children. The Honey-pot was discussed as this charity, created by Georgina Mackenzie, supports PP children and families. Funds from the Honey-pot event have also been used in a variety of ways, including supporting children with a talent in music to take further lessons. All were appreciative of the work that goes into making the Honey-pot a success.