

WIS PTA Meeting 1st February 2024 6.30pm
Woodthorpe Infant School

Previous Meeting 7th November 2023 7pm Bread and Bitter

Attendees:

Kerry, Heather, Lizzy, Alex, Kat, Billie, Jade and Mrs Bowler.

Agenda:

- Dates to be set for 2024 events.
- Any other business.

Business Discussed:

1. Break the rules day is to be held on Thursday the 22nd of February. £1 entry per child. **Rachael**, do you have the flyer from last year, please?
2. School disco to be held on Thursday the 21st of March. A small snack and drink will be provided. We will need kitchen access. **Mrs Bowler** to touch base with the Magical Maths Man.
3. Easter egg rolling and egg decoration will be held on Tuesday the 26th of March. This will be charged at £1 entry. Children will need to bring one plain egg for rolling and one decorated egg, which will go on display in the hall. There will be one prize per class for each category.
4. Non-uniform in exchange for bringing a bottle, will be on Friday the 3rd of May.
5. New F2 parents meeting to be held on Monday the 20th of May at 6pm. We would like to have a PTA presence. **Alex** has already volunteered. **Would anyone else like to put themselves forward for this event?**
6. Frozen Fridays are to start again from Friday the 7th of June. Frozen Fridays will not be on the Fridays that the Family disco or the summer fair are on, unless we are selling them at these events.
7. Sports day will be on the afternoon of Tuesday the 18th of June. We would like to sell drinks and Kelly would like to sell ice creams from her van. **Billie** will pick up with Kelly to discuss a percentage of the profits to be donated to the school and stipulate timings for Kelly to come on site. There will be an early finish for the children after sports day.
8. New starter's stay and play event (with parents) will be held on Thursday the 20th of June at 9.15 -10am or 10.30am -11.15am.
9. New starter's picnic is to be held on Thursday the 20th of June, 11.30am-12.30pm. This will be on the helicopter park, next to school. We would like to sell second hand uniform again at this event as it worked well last year. There is plenty of uniform to sell and there is more uniform in lost property. We are considering providing children's drinks again and potentially selling Ice creams - possibly from Kelly. **Would anyone like to volunteer for this event?**
10. This year's family disco will be held on Friday the 28th of June 6pm-8pm. Prosecco was popular last year, so we will purchase lots this year! There will be limited tickets released and more tickets will be released nearer the time as long as the weather forecast looks good. Last year the BBQ run by Steve worked well. The DJ has been booked and will be on the stage. Tables will be at the top with various foods/snacks on. We would like to do face painting and glitter tattoos, merchandise/tat stalls and ice poles/ice creams.
11. The summer fayre will be held on Friday the 5th of July.
12. **Mrs Bowler** will look into a school trip.

13. The Christmas disco will be held on Thursday the 5th of December which will coincide with Christmas dinner day.
14. The Christmas fair will hopefully be rescheduled to be on Friday the 13th of December. This was originally pencilled in for the 6th of December. However, as this would be two consecutive events, we would prefer to spread them out a little.
15. School Nativities will be held in the mornings of Monday the 9th December and Tuesday the 10th December for KS1 and Wednesday the 11th December for F2.

Any Other Business:

Mrs Burton (Class 2) has requested £560 to remove a tree from the early years garden. Her idea is to flatten the area and stop the pine needles falling into the sandpit. This request has been denied. The PTA feels that we should protect the trees. However, we will offer Mrs Burton up to £500 for the mud kitchen area. We are aware that she would like to add a wooden shelf, some mesh and a wooden step up.

Mrs Bartlem does fabric printing with the year 2's each year. The printing is usually done on one large sheet of fabric. She feels it is a shame as it can't be divided up for the children to take home. Mrs Bartlem has therefore requested £60 for 60 tote bags - one for each child. The PTA has approved this request.

So far this year, F2 have had 34% of the money spent. Year 1 has spent 19%. Year 2 has spent 47%.

Mrs Bowler has suggested that the school join an app called Class Dojo. This would improve and ease communications between parents, carers, teachers and other staff members alike. Mrs Bowler has used this in her previous school. Arno Vale Junior School also uses Class Dojo. The PTA members present who have used Class Dojo before are big fans. After explaining how Class Dojo can be used, for example, to message staff members and provide communications including pictures etc. Other PTA members loved the idea too.

Jade has requested £500 total for a company to come into school and do a performance and activity session for years 1 and 2. The focus of this will be The Great Fire of London. This will be the history subject which both years will be covering. To have separate year sessions the price would be £900 so Jade is happy to combine the year groups. The PTA has approved this. **Jade** will speak with the teachers and agree on a date that ties in with the syllabus.

Woodthorpe Infant School has joined a scheme called OPAL (Outdoor Play And Learning). This company comes into schools and reviews the outdoor play facilities. The idea is to give choice/variation for all children as they have different needs and interests. Mrs Bowler has been to Willow Farm School to see what they've had and was very impressed. Staff training for this will be on the September inset day. No initial funding has been requested, but the school may ask FOWI for support gaining contacts etc.

School would like a storage building which has been priced at 5K. However, this has been included in the school's costings.

Action Points:

- **Rachael**, do you have the flyer from last year's 'break the rules' day, please?
- **Mrs Bowler** to touch base with the Magical Maths Man about the date of the school disco.
- **Mrs Bowler** to look into a school trip.

- **Billie** to talk to Kelly about selling ice creams at sports day and discuss a percentage of the profit to be donated to the school.
- **Jade** will liaise with the teachers and agree on a date for The Great Fire of London Performance which ties in with the syllabus.
- **Any volunteers** for these events?

The next PTA meeting is Tuesday the 20th February.