

Irthington Village School PTA  
AGM  
Monday, 19 October 2020  
To be held at Newtown Village Hall at 7.00pm

Attendance: Ruth Coulthard, Lynn Harrison, Sarah Patterson, Ashley Vass, Bee Nightingale, Lynne Lawson, Emma Chalmers, Julie Storr

Apologies: Jess Storey, Lucy Jennings, Leigh Rutherford, Nina Quinn, Anita Dory, Ryan Patterson, Dana Cawson. Mrs Harrison represented all the staff of the school.

Minutes of the last AGM were agreed and signed by Ruth.

Ruth gave the Chairman's report – reporting that since she took over as Chair from Rachel Matthews in February nothing has happened due to Covid-19. She reported that the PTA had supported the school Christmas Party and provided the refreshments and the Christmas Fair was a success. The children were able to have the Easter Egg hunt before the school closure in March.

Treasurers Report – Sarah gave the treasures report on behalf of Ryan. Current balance is £5,480.86. Noted that we have raised around £100 through Amazon Smile from the last year which is great as it doesn't cost us anything and is based on donations. Ryan has requested if we could add another person on to sign the cheques. It was agreed that Ruth Coulthard would be added this making the signatories Ryan Patterson, Lynn Harrison, Julie Storr and Ruth Coulthard

Election of officers:

Role	Nominated	Proposed	Seconded
Chairman	Ruth Coulthard	Lynn Harrison	Julie Storr
Secretary	Sarah Patterson	Ruth Coulthard	Ashley Vass
Treasurer	Ryan Patterson	Sarah Patterson	Lynne Lawson

**AOB**

**Christmas Cards**

Ruth thanked the staff for organising this. We have had a good response from parents – nearly 100% take up. They will be printed and be ready to distribute to parents early December. This has roughly made £175 for PTA funds.

**Christmas Party**

Each class to have their own 'Party Box' which will include pass the parcels, Christmas Crackers and a small party bag for each child which will include a bun and some sweets. Bee has offered her help in putting the bags together. Parents are going to cover the cost of the gift. Mr Harrison might be used as Santa's Helper to hand out the presents to the children. The Christmas Party will be held on Friday, 11 December 2020.

**Fundraising ideas for the coming year:**

**Smartie Tube**

Ruth has managed to get the Smarties donated from First Milk/Nestle. The idea behind this is that an empty tube of Smarties holds £5.00 in 20p coins. Each child will be given a tube of Smarties and a 'Chores List'. There will be prizes awarded for example most chores completed, dirtiest chore etc. This will be done before Easter next year.

### **Virtual Balloon Race**

To be organised as soon as possible and for it to be run near to Christmas. Balloons to be sold for £2 each. Ruth to look into a company that would run it for us. Cash prize of £25 for the winner. Each class to also have a balloon and a prize to be given to the class winner.

### **Car Treasure Hunt**

Possibility for the New Year.

### **Christmas Raffle**

Ruth to get the raffle tickets ordered and for these to be distributed after half term. Raffle prizes will be hampers which families will be encouraged to donate a hamper or items to be included in hampers. This will be drawn on Monday, 14 December 2020 at 3.30pm – hopefully socially distanced in the school yard but depends on rules at the time.

### **Co-op Funding**

This is now coming to a close and the school will receive around £1,145. Discussion around what it could be spent on. The brief was 'opportunities for outdoor learning helping boost creative thinking and encourage a healthy active mindset.' Mrs Harrison will think of things that she could purchase but possibly replacing some of the outdoor benches.

### **Current Spending**

Mrs Harrison has asked if the PTA could help fund around 12 laptops and some new cameras. She will get some prices, but it was agreed that we would purchase them out of the current balance in the bank account.

She would also like it if the PTA could agree to purchase the homework books as an ongoing yearly spend – around £800 per year. It was agreed that the PTA would purchase these.

Ruth agreed to send a letter out to parents informing them of the plans for the next few months, including thanking parents for purchasing the Christmas Cards. Do another push for Amazon Smile and Ashley will provide a link if parents would like to make a donation to the PTA from their wages. Inform parents of the WhatsApp group and the PTA Facebook page.

Meeting closed at 8.05pm