

St. John's Walham Green CE Primary School

MINUTES FROM PTFA MEETING AT 14.30 HRS – 1st March 2017

Brief thanks and round up of Winter Wonderland: income - £6,554. Profit - £2,639

- Volunteer stats: over 65 parents, 12 staff, 15 friends, 7 local businesses
- 308 Santa visitors, 400 ice-skaters, 5 weeks prep
- Acknowledged that playground presence was a big factor in helping to sell tickets and drum up interest in the event

Family Bingo Night: 25th March. 5-7pm. Ticket to be £4 inc 1 drink, 1 game, 1 raffle ticket (under 4's free)

- Cake donations will be needed.
- Game and raffle prize donations from local businesses (Volunteers from the Bingo planning committee are pursuing this already)
- Tickets sold in the playground during the week of 13th-17th. March
- Flyers to go out in school bags on Friday 6th March
- **Volunteers needed to help sell tickets and run the event**

Disco's: 30th March

- 4 discos
- Pupils can submit songs, individual play list for each disco
- Drink and bag of crisps provided by the PTFA
- **Volunteers needed to help run the event**

Bake Sales:

- Thanks to all Class Reps for organising and to all the volunteers bakers and sellers!

Summer Event to be July 1st

- Exact type of event still to be confirmed
- PTFA aiming to hold a family event each term

Library

- **volunteers needed to cover the bar codes on the books with pre-printed labels.**
- Ideally there will be a volunteer slot for 1-2 hours every Friday to help tidy the library for the coming week

Green Team

- A group of parents are needed to help cut down the vines climbing on the fence on the Munster Road side of the playground.
- Mr Craven to be consulted as to which vines are to be cut in order to protect the fence from damage.
- Saturday cutting day to be planned

Parent Forums/ Question time with the Head:

- To help enable better communication about all aspects of the school from curriculum/ academics to parental concerns (born out of survey and last

PTFA meeting) Ms Wightwick and Mr Gorman will be holding parent forums to help answer questions

- Different areas / themes will be covered each month
- Questions are to be submitted before the meetings
- Anticipated that the forums will begin at the end of the current term or towards the beginning of the next term

AOB

Central governments cut to school funding

- To see specific figures on how the cuts impact St John's and other London schools go to <http://www.schoolcuts.org.uk>
- All parents/carers to be encouraged to complete the online consultation by the deadline of 22 March (<https://consult.education.gov.uk/funding-policy-unit/schools-national-funding-formula2/consultation/intro/>)
- Information about the website and responses to be circulated to St John's families in coordination with the school governors and senior management
- Possibility of holding a special meeting at St John's to discuss how to complete the survey

Science Garden

Progress existing plans for the Science Garden with input from volunteers and Miss Reay

Reading Corners

- Additional soft furniture is requested by teachers for the reading corners to make them more user friendly.
- Miss Osiecka and Mrs Bracken will come up with a wish list for the PTFA to consider within the context of this year's funding priorities.