

## PTA meeting - 15<sup>th</sup> January 2025

Updates from last meeting minutes:

The planned meeting on 4<sup>th</sup> December was cancelled due to members being busy with so many other events taking place at school that week. Members met in the Family Room on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> December to source the resources and prepare the stalls for the Christmas Fayre. Members wrapped the Santa gifts in between concerts. Whilst sorting resources, we found lots of donations that could be used for a Parent Gift stall so it was decided to go ahead and run this again this year too - keeping it to £1.

Current affairs:

It was noted that there was an upset external vendor concerning the placement of her stall. There appears to have been a miscommunication as the vendor thought that as she had been next to another vendor the previous year, she would be in the same place this year. However, to avoid the overcrowding of previous years, stalls had been spread out further this year and school were unaware of the 2 vendors wanting to be placed together. It was agreed that when liaising with external vendors, in future, Ceri-Ann will ask if there are any special considerations that need to be made as we don't want our vendors to be upset. The vendor felt that the placement of her stall meant they had less customers this year. This was not our intention, which was to spread out stalls that usually have large queues, to make it more accessible for families.

There were quite a few children that bought Santa tickets but didn't attend. Ceri-Ann sent their gifts home with a note saying, "Sorry I missed you," from Santa. General feedback from families was that they were glad the present wasn't chocolate again this year and the children seemed to like the pop-it toys.

PTA made a profit of around £400, which is fantastic. Especially considering the classes all had their own stalls.

There was a discussion around whether we do an event/fundraiser around Valentines Day. It was decided against this as it was felt it is already a very commercial day and really aimed at adults, with romantic love, not children.

We would like to do something to celebrate Easter. Members will have a think about what we can do as the quiz/colouring competition from last year didn't have a very good take up. Ceri-Ann can also ask the School Government for some ideas on this.

Date of next meeting: Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> March 2025