

PTA meeting - 17th October 2024

General feedback from the Summer Fayre was that it went well. Everyone seemed to enjoy themselves. It was noted that it didn't seem to be as busy this year. However, the activities were spread out so that there weren't as many stalls crowded together. This helped with congestion and people feeling too overwhelmed. We were lucky with the weather again too. A few people asked about the stocks as we didn't run those this year. Unfortunately, it was difficult to get staff to volunteer this year. It was decided that we should start asking and preparing them earlier next year! It was also noted that this is voluntary for staff and they need to be comfortable with it. A suggestion was made to have a private changing area in the Family Room building with towels etc on hand already for staff. They definitely need to bring a change of clothes though!

PTA made just over £150 profit from the event. Although this is lower than in previous years, we did donate the takings from the food stall directly to school fund and classes/year groups also made money for themselves too. So the children are still benefitting and everyone who attended the fayre seemed to enjoy it and had positive comments. The external Hook a Duck game had a big queue and the children really loved it. However, the parents thought it was a little bit expensive in comparison to everything else that was on offer here at school. The children really loved the smelly, blow up bouncy balls as prizes. This is something we could look at sourcing for ourselves in future so that we have better prizes for our games and can charge a little bit more. However, we like to keep our games to 50p or less to allow as many people as possible to come and enjoy them. It can get really expensive if you have a few children, for them all to have a go. There were lots of comments about the new basketball game - children and adults liked it. Again, this was a nice cheap game for them to participate in. The aim of the fayre, whilst we do want to make some money, is for people to have fun in our school community. A bit like an end of year celebration.

Members asked to discuss the timing of the fayre for next year. It was held so close to the end of the school year that meant none of us could enjoy the usual wind down and fun as we were all running around still trying to sort the fayre bits out. Ceri-Ann will feed this back to SLT for when dates are being booked in.

Members asked if it was too late to organise a Halloween Disco again for this year as it was a big hit last year. Ceri-Ann spoke to Mr Fisher who agreed for us to run another one. We made some changes to the plans though. Rather than children bringing spending money for snacks, we increased the price of the tickets to £5 per child with the intention of providing a snack pack for each child as part of the price. We can use school laptop and sound system for music as it is quite late to try and source a DJ now and that will also cost money. There was a discussion about if the price of the ticket was too high but it was agreed to trial it for this one to see how it goes down with the families. Ceri-Ann

spoke to members about donating the profits from this event to school fund as funds are incredibly low right now. School fund is used to subsidise the cost of trips, snack and uniform, among other things. Members agreed that we should do this to support the school and provide for the children. A discussion was held about what should be in the snack packs for the party. It was agreed for there to be a small cake, chocolate bar, sweets and a packet of crisps. It would be easier if they were already made up and put in to sandwich bags for the children to collect as they enter the hall. A note was made for Ceri-Ann to check any dietary requirements so that these can be catered for. Sweets also need to be gelatin free. Members will go shopping with Ceri-Ann and then make up the snack packs.

Date of next meeting: 7th November 2024