

Monk Fryston CoE School Parent Teacher Association

Chairman's Report 2014/2015

Welcome back everyone after what I hope has been a great (long!) summer holiday. With our AGM coming up soon, it's that time of the year where I look back at what we have achieved this year, where we have spent your hard-earned cash, and what our plans for the future are.

I'm very pleased to report that it has been bumper fund-raising year for the PTA and we have been able to make a real difference to the school environment by completely refurbishing and stocking the school library. I am so proud of our achievement and it's lovely to think that we have a lasting legacy of all the hard work over the year. The children now have access to a bright welcoming library where they can check-out their own books and teachers can track what they are reading. We have also refreshed some of the reading schemes and looking to do more of the same this year.

So what have we been up to?

Beer Festival

Some of you may still have sore heads from this year's Beer Festival, but our academic year 2014/15 kicked off in style with our 2nd Village Beer Festival, and what a great event it was too. The Beer Festival Committee did a fabulous job aided by the PTA and Community Association and this year a staggering £4000 was raised for the PTA.

Halloween Disco

End of October saw the traditional very popular school disco take place once the nights started drawing in. The kids loved Dickie Bow Disco as ever and £127 raised.

South Milford Bonfire

We had a great night for the annual South Milford Bonfire with the weather-gods smiling down on us this year. Thank you to all those who came and supported us and helped to dish out 100's of pie and peas because we managed to raise a record £3162!

Christmas Fayre

The Christmas Fayre had a bit of a re-vamp this year with some new ideas like the making and selling of Christmas Wreaths, a pocket money stall, mulled wine and pie 'n' peas lunch. The usual favourites such as Santa's Grotto, Tombola's and Bran Tub also contributed towards a very successful afternoon raising £1154.

Film Nights

This year we trialled a new idea of running Film Nights for the children. We split the kids into KS1 and KS2 and held 2 after-school film nights, providing drinks and snacks for the complete experience. It proved to be very popular with the children, perhaps less so for the adults supervisors when we got the timing of a film wrong and had some time to use up before collection time!

Quiz Night

This year saw the return of what has now become legendary school Quiz Night. Quiz Master David returned with his wonderful mix of off-the-wall questions, so cunning that there was a many a scratched head in the school hall that night. This year we 'adjusted' the Prosecco and Beer quantities so that the bar didn't run dry too early and a fantastic £1156 was raised.

Summer Fayre

It seemed like we must have used all our weather luck for the bonfire this year, as the Summer Fayre was sadly a wash-out. The heavens opened, and while that didn't detract from our loyal village supporters coming down to the school and community centre, they didn't stay for long for fear of catching a cold. A big thank you to the volunteers for this event as it can be very demoralising standing in the rain, and also to the teachers and pupils who did a cracking job on It's a Knockout!

What have we spent it on?

As I mentioned at the beginning of my report, the main project of work for this year has been the library refurbishment. We've spent just over £10,600 so far, and if you've been in to see it I'm sure you'll agree how superb it is. We also spent £2177 on the new piece of playground equipment that the school council asked for and also contributed towards.

On top of this we have also provided music lessons for year 4, Christmas activities for all the year groups, Young Voices t-shirts, Pantomime coaches and various other bits and pieces for the classrooms that help supplement our very tight school budget.

Looking to the future we are always on the hunt for new fundraising ideas and would love your help in planning and holding them. It is always tricky getting the right mix of volunteers and not always relying on the same faces to help out, so I very much hope to see some more new faces at our AGM. This has been my second year as Chair and while I've loved it and got so much out of it, it will also be my final; time for a refresh and new ideas. A massive thank you to the PTA committee members, the teaching staff and all the volunteers who help man stalls, wrap bran tub pressies, sell cakes, make Christmas wreaths, pull pints, pop corks, dish out pies, sell raffle tickets, put up marquees and dress up in funny outfits for the amusement of others.... We couldn't do it without you.

Kind regards

Kristina Verney

Chair, Monk Fryston CoE School PTA

MONK FRYSTON CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL
PARENT/TEACHER ASSOCIATION
MINUTES OF THE EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING
HELD ON
30th SEPT 2014

Present:

Rick Weights (Head) RW	Jonathan Gardner JG (Secretary)	Liz Stonell (Treasurer) LS
Kristina Verney KV (Chair)	Sheila Fox (SF)	Mel Blackwood MB
Dawn O' Connor (DOC)	Leila Walls (LW)	Laura Backhouse (LB)
Emma Lowe (EL)	Nicole Maddock (NM)	Rosie Foster(RF) - Founda- tion Governor
Danielle Ronan (DR)	Sarah Force (SF)	Sarah Morley (SM)

Next Meeting
7.30pm
Venue: School.

1.	Chair opened, introductions from around the table. Apologies from Becky Davies, Kate Roberts.	
2	Approval of minutes from Previous AGM Treasurer advised we need to amend the minutes for the previ- ous AGM to reflect an additional £200 from the circuits that ar- rived on the 30th August.	Sec

2	<p>Chairmans Report</p> <p>Previously circulated by the school office. Chair summarised the report which contained details of all of the events that happened over the year and what we paid for. Thanked all volunteers for help during the year.</p> <p>Report agreed to be a true and accurate record of the year.</p>	
3	<p>Treasurers Report</p> <p>Starting balance was low this year as we had endeavoured to spend a lot of the previous balance.</p> <p>Advised of 2 Summer Fayre incomes. Ran through all major income streams. Highlighting areas of strong and weaker performance (eg Christmas Fair). Circuits revenue was explained - lower than previous year due to frequency of payment - more will be expected this year, it's a popular event.</p> <p>Expenditure - more was spent on the Christmas parties and selection boxes. Year 4 music lessons was a new item which we'll need to confirm if we're to continue.</p> <p>The beer festival line that is in the accounts reflects the position as at the 31st August, leaving a balance of £8862.</p> <p>The Head asked if there was a limit whereby we needed to change the auditory procedures - thought it was a £25k turnover limit. NM asked if there was an intermediary limit. NM asked about total income for the BF - Treasurer advised this would come later in the meeting.</p> <p>Marie Parkin independently audits the accounts.</p>	
5	<p>Re-election of officials</p> <p>Chair: KV nominated, Head seconded, carried. Vice Chair: MB not standing this year, DR nominated, NM seconded, carried. Treasurer: LS nominated, DOC seconded, carried. Secretary: JG nominated, DOC seconded, carried.</p> <p>NM thanked the committee, pointing out quality of events etc. Chair and committee thanked NM.</p>	

6	<p>Class Reps</p> <p>Chair introduced the concept and said that it doesn't seem to be very effective. NM - meant to be there as a comms tool (so people who are often in the playground who will spread the word when volunteers are needed etc) as opposed to just organising the Christmas fayres.</p> <p>Sec - should we have fewer. EL - has to be publicised. Agreed it was publicised last year but quite quickly forgotten, EL - should they go to the welcome evening - not really as they have to come from the class. Chair suggested photos in newsletters. LS - people know who the older classes reps are when announced - it's the younger years that need publicising more. NM - whoever is doing it needs a full set of contacts so they can disseminate.</p> <p>Chair proposed we would continue, and answered questions about the role, as did the Treasurer.</p> <p>Reception - Becky Davies, Sarah Morley. Year 1 - Leila Walls, Emma Lowe. Year 2 - Dawn O'Connor, Kate Roberts. Year 3 - Liz Stonell, Jonathan Gardner Year 4 - Nicole Maddock, eMail to the class. Year 5 - Mel Blackwood Year 6 - tbc</p> <p>Email to go out asking for volunteers to fill the remaining positions.</p>	
7	<p>Chair outlined our position with the constitution, that our previous version was shortened and no longer valid and that it's proposed we adopt one used back in 2003 which was PTA UK's model constitution - which has now been modified in 2011.</p> <p>Head asked for clarity around what the definitions of memberships and committee members. The chair read out section 4.</p> <p>Head asked whether people attending the meeting were co-opted members - Treasurer said that other attendees were not co-opted and that each meeting is a meeting of the committee and the members and not exclusively the committee. The committee members were id'd as Chair, VC, treasurer, and secretary.</p>	

8	AOB for AGM - None. Next AGM 29/9/15.	
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