

PTA meeting 26/01/24 – New Mill, Monkton Heathfield

Apologies: Tracy & Jenna

Attended: Shell, Jess, Kelly, Lisa S, Lisa L, Claire, Hayley, Natalie

Not attended: Holly

- 1) Challenge 2024 explained and how the winners will be decided. Medals for the class that makes the highest amount. Winners will be decided on the 20th February.
- 2) Shade – the Tesco grant received £1000 to be used within the year. Helen has confirmed that Neil from Sovereign Play will meet with Jack the trusts facilities manager to get the project underway. The 1st section will cost approximately £11,000 and that will be for 11 meters starting year 3 end of the KS2 playground. The idea being that we will be able to add on to it each time our pot gets up to another £11,000.
Communicate with the parents once it has been officially signed off and the project starts to let them know where their donation and grant money is being spent. Idea was had to have a barometer in the newsletter and outside the school on the notice board so parents/community can see how we are doing, hitting our next target. We also are very keen for a placard to be placed on the 1st section to thank Miss Bimson for her amazing fundraising efforts for the shade. When completed, maybe contact the Gazette and have a piece in the paper about our fundraising and Miss Bimson's efforts to raise the profile of the project.
- 3) Non-uniform day/Bingo – change this to a no donations day, to say thank you to everyone who took part in challenge 2024.
With no donations for that non uniform day, PTA to purchase the prizes for the bingo event in March.
Tesco community fund – Letters to be handed to local store managers to ask for any easter egg donations to support our bingo event. 5 local Tesco Express' in Taunton. A PTA member to take ownership of a specific Tescos to ask for donations. Official letters handed out to each PTA member to hand over to the store managers.
- 4) January gift amnesty – this was well received and we got a lot of clothing ready for our Christmas clothing stall at our Christmas fayre in December. We received some food/drink and smellies in the box so idea was to collect all these together and make a lovely hamper for a raffle for the quiz in May. We also got some kids toys which we thought we could make into a hamper for the bingo event as the children are able to attend this event.
- 5) AOB -
 - New bell to be purchased for KS1 playground as theirs is broken – **agreed**
 - Kelly to step down as treasurer in September 2024. Will be officially done at the AGM. Natalie has expressed interest in taking over role and have a hand over from Kelly in September. Need to look into the charity commissions website about how we go about changing the name to reflect the new treasurer from September.

- Invoices need to be sent across to Kelly - **Kelly to send Jess the link to upload quarterly spend.**
- On our pta-events payment platform, on the class name sections, we need to add which year group each class bird is. This is for ease for parents booking, who might not know the bird name class their child is in. Therefore it will now say 'Y2 Robin, Y3 Falcon etc' – **Jess to action this**
- The newly refurbished welly racks in Year 3 have been damaged already. Need to look into how they are broken and see whether we can add them on the list of welly racks that still need to be update – **Jess to inform Jenna (as its her project) and see what we need to do.**

Next meeting is the 20th February – 7.30 New Mill Pub, Monkton Heathfield.