

Minutes from the West Monkton School PTA meeting
on the 16th of January at 7.30pm at the Bathpool Inn.

1. **Members present:** Sara, Jess, Jenna, Suze, Claire E, Katie, Lisa S, Irene, Shell, Kelly, Lisa L, Claire M & Amy
2. **Apologies:** Hayley
3. **OPAL Provision** – Michelle Manning joined the meeting for this point.
 - Teacher's fun-run raised £1510
 - This money has been used for provisions for the playgrounds.
 - School would like financial help with a more permanent structure, like the one that Ruishton School had installed for £27k.
 - School wants to prioritise KS1 playground now as that has the greater need for play provisions.
 - School have asked for some smaller play structures for the time being whilst more fundraising/ possible grants can be looked into.
 - School want to prioritise this over another section of sunshade.
 - No decisions were made at the meeting, group are going to look into funding options and other companies that might offer cheaper/alternative ideas. **Amy to talk to Jack to see what the rules are regarding, what and who can put structures into the playground.**
4. **Disco**
 - Allergies – we need to do more to ensure that children with allergies are looked after and kept safe whilst at the discos.
 - Group have decided that parents of Reception/KS1 who have children with allergies must stay at the disco. KS2 children with allergies, will be highlighted on a separate sign in sheet and then they'll be a dedicated Teacher who will oversee them when they buying items from the Tuck Shop.
 - New wording on the form to say: It is the parents/guardian's responsibility to make the staff aware of their child's allergies. The PTA can not take responsibility for allergies. Tuck shop is and will continue to be a nut free venture.
5. **Christmas Fayres**
 - Voted to move the fayres back to Saturdays
 - 20th June for Summer Fayre
 - 28th November for Christmas Fayre
 - **Jess to book dates with the school**
 - **Amy to book the Ice Cream van we had at the previous fayre.**

6. Crazy hair day – 13th March

- Donations to be made into hampers for prizes for easter bingo.
- The wording on the posters to be 'Chocolate donations for Easter bingo' so that parents won't feel obliged to buy an actual easter eggs if this proves too costly. (The price of Easter eggs are quite expensive this year)

7. Colour run – 7th May

- More research needed into how to run the event. **Jenna to research this and report back at the next meeting.**

8. £100 donation to each class

- PTA have decided to give £100 to each class plus the Nest & Flamingo room to choose something things for their class. **Claire E to send Jess the letter for printing and following members to hand them out and liaise with the class teachers with their requests:**

Reception – Sara

YR 1 – Irene

YR 2 – Jess

YR 3 – Suze

YR 4 – Jenna

YR 5 – Hayley

YR 6 – Claire E

Flamingo/Nest - ?

9. Cycle Helmets

- PTA were gifted 10 cycle helmets.
- Group decided to speak to the school to see if they knew of any children in need of a helmet.

10. AOB

- Easyfundraising – Katie to investigate how we get the money that we raise.
- Shed – Roof being re-felted on the 26th January
- Unused raffle prizes to be redistributed to other ticket buyers.

Next meeting – 13th of February at the Bathpool Inn.

Monthly Friday meetings at the Bathpool Inn, 7.30:

- 13th February
- 6th March
- 24th April
- 15th May
- 12th June
- 10th July

School events booked:

- 28th November – Christmas Fair
- 12th December – Christmas Disco
- 13th March – Crazy Hair Day (Easter bingo donations)
- 20th March – School Disco
- 27th March – Easter Bingo
- 7th May – Colour Run
- 20th June – Summer Fair (*School approval pending*)