

Future Events

Food Festival Parking

Paul Kentish is still looking for volunteers to help out for the weekend of 22nd & 23rd October. If anyone has any free time please get in touch with Paul as soon as possible.

Quiz Evening

The date has been set for Friday 25th November. We decide that instead of offering too much choice for food we would keep things simple and offer just Fish & Chips or a vegetarian alternative. Nicola will organise the questions, float and format for the evening etc. and Carol will ask her dad to be the quiz master for the night. Louisa will apply for the license. It was agreed that it would be nice to have music playing as people arrive. We will make it clear this year that people can only consume drinks purchased from our bar and must not bring their own. Toni will write a newsletter advertising the event and emphasizing this point. Louisa will organise the bar. We have some vouchers and small prizes available for a raffle, Carol will provide some wooden spoons and Nicola will buy a tin of chocolates for the winning team.

Disco's

Provisional dates were set as...

Yr 5 & 6 – Friday 9th December **subsequently changed to Friday 6th January 7pm-8.30pm**

Yr 7 & 8 – Thursday 15th December 7pm – 9pm

It was agreed that entry prices would remain the same, £2 - yr 5 & 6 £2.50 - yr 7 & 8

The disco procedure has been documented by Sally Naylor so these should run without any problems. Derek mentioned that we do not need to lock any doors after we leave, we just turn off the lights and close the doors. The outside lights are controlled by a remote so these should be already activated. Liz asked that we e-mail the office the dates and copy her into the e-mail to avoid any confusion. At this point Derek requested that PA meetings held at school starting at 7pm be finished by 8:15pm and that they are not held on Thursdays. It was agreed that most meetings could be held at other locations to avoid disruption.

Other fundraising ideas...

Bingo night

The school has previously held successful family bingo nights and all agreed that we would like to bring this back. As the quiz is being held this term we have provisionally agreed to organise a bingo night in the spring.

Christmas Raffle

We will hold a Christmas raffle again this year. We proposed three cash prizes of £100, £50 & £25. Nicola will organise the tickets and distribute. Avril & Louisa offered to help with this. The draw will be held on Friday 16th December in assembly.

PA Website

Sally reported that she had kindly transferred the website to her own hosting to save us the £20 hosting fee. We will now only have to pay domain charges on the two addresses we currently have. Sally has received another amazon voucher from the click for cash scheme which will be used for a prize.

Liz requested that the PA website has a link to the School Safeguarding Policy.

Teas/Coffees

The donations from the teas/coffees on the author evening were handed in. It was agreed that in the future we would charge a set fee for the refreshments.

It was agreed that we need to invest in new mugs for the teas and coffees we provide at events. It was suggested that we could buy some storage boxes to keep them in so that they could be stored safely in the shed.

Funding requests received from the School were as follows:

Minibus – After considering the need to provide a smaller 15 seater minibus that the PE staff are able to all drive and the options available to meet this need, the PA have agreed to contribute £12,000 towards a “nearly new” minibus and Derek will trade in one of the existing buses to meet the full cost of approximately £16,000.

Gardening Club – Catherine Hughes has requested £600 to move the existing garden area to a more suitable place and add some planting areas for growing fruit/vegetables. The quote included new woodchip paths, wooden edging, dwarf fruit trees for screening and some compost. It was agreed that we would fund this, although we should maybe consider hedging as an alternative to fruit trees that may be easily damaged by the sports activities that take place close by. We would also investigate whether Paul Kentish’s contact at Stewarts Garden Centre may be able to help us in any way.

Food Technology Department – Mrs Cole has requested that her budget for the term to buy essential ingredients that people may not have at home be extended from £50 a term to £100. This was agreed by all. She also asked us to consider purchasing a chest freezer for £260. We agreed that this could be bought although we would like to investigate any cheaper alternatives.

ICT – Mr Daw asked for 6 iPad2’s. Three will be in use within the library, two for the ICT staff and one for the PE department. The estimated cost for these is £2,500. This was also agreed. Sally Taylor will speak to the ICT staff to investigate if any discounts can be obtained from the retailer.

Any Other Business

As we raised a considerable amount from match funding last year Toni will include a request for employees of companies that offer match funding to come forward on the next newsletter.

Date of the next meeting – Wednesday 16th November, 7pm at the Willet Arms.

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