

HAZELDOWN PRIMARY SCHOOL

Parents Teachers Association
Registered Charity No. 1075576

GENERAL PLANNING MEETING

Wednesday 16 th September 2020

Zoom meeting 7.30pm

PRESENT:

Ellen Palmer: Chair, Stuart Ludford, Kit Hardee, Lee Goodenough, Tracey Aston, Mel Donnelly (minutes), Eleanor Waldock, Charlie Ott, Stephanie Gedney, Carol Borham, Clare Hunter, Giulietta Swift, Hannah Sweeney, Jill Graham - Ellis, Mel Hewitt, Jackie Godwin, Kerry Andrew,

APOLOGIES: Karissa Gill

1. Actions from previous meetings: Shed - Well done to Carol for organising this and getting together the volunteers to construct it.
Clothing bank - in the school car park, has collected several loads of clothing over the past 6 months and has made £204.80 so far this year, making it our main source of PTA fundraising over lockdown. We now have 2 collection banks in the car park.
Leavers presents - we were unable to organise the usual trip to Crealey so instead we gave keepsake keyrings and £5 vouchers to the year 6 leavers.
2. Mr Ludford formally thanked the PTA and, in particular, Carol Borham for the work done during lockdown (clothing bank and new shed) and for the time and effort given by all volunteers. He acknowledged that we all need to think of new ways of doing things (fundraising)
3. Funding requests for the year ahead -
Forest school pond - amount of quote discussed. Tracey updated us on her appeals to the local Rotary and Masons for funding towards the pond, still awaiting confirmation of this. PTA will pay the remainder.
Covered seating for the playing field - awaiting decision on this.
4. Sale of second-hand uniform. There is still an amount of uniform items stored at school since pre- lockdown. Charlie Ott to take a look through it with a view to possibly selling it on Facebook marketplace. The PTA had organised a swapping / give away section on their Facebook page during lockdown, for pre - loved items. Charlie to liaise with Jackie re taking payments.
5. Christmas Fayre - won't be possible this year in the usual form, we are looking for new festive fundraising ideas - any suggestions welcome! Ideas floated were a zoom / video call appointment with Santa, big prize raffle (PTA could purchase or ask for donations of a large prize (eg. Paddle board, XBox) and sell tickets for this. Other prizes suggested were 'experience' prizes (Mr Hardee may be able to arrange a recording session in a studio),

6. Discos - postponed until further notice. Tracey has raised the idea of 'virtual discos' - to follow up.
7. Funding Alternatives - Collecting coins in bottles / jars at home, idea being that families could put their loose change into a collection at home that the kids could bring into school. (coins would need to be quarantined before counted). General feeling was that we should be moving more towards electronic forms of money collection. PayPal collections, and ways to pay directly into our bank account, SumUp etc - follow up needed - Jackie.
8. Event ideas - Virtual Balloon races, Escape room, Treasure Hunts around local area - wildlife walks, Halloween (not trick or treating), online school talent competitions, regular / termly raffles.
9. Quiz night - was put on hold due to lockdown, it might be revisited at some point in the future.
10. Hand cream - an idea put forward by a parent to supply hand cream in each classroom to help those children suffering from dry hands from all the hand washing. It was decided that this should be the parent's responsibility and that any children suffering from eczema / dermatitis should be using appropriate moisturisers anyway. School / PTA does not have the available funds to support this at present.
11. AGM to be held via Zoom meeting on Weds 4th Nov, 7.30pm - notices to go out.
12. Next PTA zoom meeting - Autumn / Christmas planning, Weds 30th Sept, 7.30pm.