

Meeting of Friends of Piddle Valley School Committee on Wednesday 19th October 2022 at The Thimble Inn



Attendees

Jade Ellis (Chair)
Sarah Larden (Treasurer)
Dani Elliot (Secretary)
Dani Horrigan
Beth Redley-Steer
Jo Hawkins
Jayne Browne
Helen Nelson
Hattie Crankshaw

Apologies: Sarah Lloyd, Beth Kendall, Mrs V

Fireworks

Discussed which elements the PTA and cricket club are responsible for. Trestle tables can be borrowed from school, wood to be collected for the bonfire on Saturday 29th October.

River clearance

12th November at 10am. School to put a note out.

Christmas Craft Fair

12th November

JB to find out what is happening – how many tables have been sold, what is expected from the PTA (refreshments or just social media?).

Children's Christmas Evening

Similar to the one that took place pre-covid, where each teacher had their own craft stall.

Friday 9th December 3.15 – 5pm.

PTA flyer to go into book bags.

Straight in after school, school to coordinate school set up. Xmas music, mulled wine?

Include pre school children but not older siblings.

Need to know what stalls staff plan to have. Focus on sustainability, natural approach.

E.g dried out orange and cinnamon sticks, reindeer food.

Santa to school and presents

Santa to be found – Sarah L's dad?

Weds 14th December as part of school xmas lunch, 1.30pm.

Leah 4x4?

PTA help at xmas lunch dressed up. Arrive at 11.30 for 12pm lunch.

PTA to buy crackers. 57 children + pre school = 70 crackers.

JB to involve Rhiannon (new dinner lady).

Panto

Taking the children to panto could be part of the cultural capital element of the syllabus. Options include Jolly Postman at Lighthouse or panto at Octagon Yeovil. Cost of coach is £280. PTA to make contribution towards coach and parents pay something towards it? Pre school parents could come and bring their children? DH to investigate options.

Xmas show

PTA to do refreshments.

Perhaps the hall could be opened up one afternoon per week to enable us to work together on things?

Carols in the village

Tuesday 6th December at 5pm.

Parents to help. Walk through village with lanterns and stop at prime sites with a collection bucket.

Options/ideas for spending

IT – laptops/iPads are required, although the school does have a ringfenced budget for this.

Each year group/member of staff to put forward a proposal of something they want to spend money on. HC has a trip she would like to do. Budget to be set when we have an idea of what they want.

There are some options that would not cost a lot – museums, police/fire brigade talks.

Trips need to be able to fit in with the curriculum somehow, this probably means different trips for different year groups. Xmas and end of year trip to be whole school. Transport is an issue, school is not allowed to ask parents to drive.

The teachers have a curriculum day on Friday, they will discuss and send the plan to the PTA so we can see what might fit in.

- Also:
- Commando day – inflatable assault course.
- Circus – Parish council would need to be told, circus workshops at school?
- Animal experience, JE's friend has falconry at West Stafford, could bring them to school. The Ranch at Weymouth
- Reading scheme books – 2 sets needed. 1 set already ordered, they are desperate for phonic scheme books which cost c. £360.
- Tea towel/tote bags – JB has the contacts somewhere.
- Year 4 – dictionaries to buy.
- World Book Day – book night, story in PJs.
- Disco
- Something musical – cultural workshops/samba.
- Skateboard/scooter ramps hired and kids bring their own wheels.
- Swimming pool at Broadmayne School/Victoria Barns at Woolland – hire for a few days in the summer.

- Millennium Green – school and community – do something together – end of school celebration.
- Old uniform – JB to buy rail, donations.

Other funding available?

There may be funding available for specific projects, PTA can help look into this if the teachers let us know what they want.

Shed in the corner of the carpark

The shed belongs to the school.

Water and electric not needed, can be used as storage.

Rusty boxes in the playground were used for power for the fireworks, have not been tested in years, need removing – JB to arrange.

Communication

Do we need a PTA board/newsletter?

JB has requested some help to update the website – we wondered if Beth K would be happy to assist?

Quarterly meetings to happen with the teachers, next meeting January 2023.