

Newton Poppleford School Association (PTFA)

Spring term meeting minutes 2022

Attendees: Teri Murphy (Chair), Henry Odbert (Deputy Chair), Kate Clemens (Secretary), Jon Leeson-Kings (Treasurer), Tilli Beglin, Katy Evans, Bob Tubbs, Emma-Jane Haigh, Georgia Trengrove, Kelly Rogers, Kim Davey, Laura Broughton, Lisa Kavanagh, Magdalena Oprea, Rebecca Burdus, Roberta McLeod, Sarah Furzer, Sarah Quilty, Tanisha Ellis, Terrie Hall, Gemma Joyner, Emily Wiley, Caroline Odbert, Sian Pond, Anna Oldroyd, Camille Harman, Al Findlay, Chloe Pawson-Pounds

Welcome

This is the virtual meeting group to discuss all matters PTFA and fundraising related, anyone is welcome to join by contacting Teri Murphy 07909 798441.

Queen's Platinum Jubilee

Teri has applied for the school to be involved in the Queen's Green Canopy. Saplings will be given to schools and all trees planted in the jubilee year can include themselves in the network of the Queen's Green Canopy.

Teri also updated that the Parish Council have been in touch to ask if the PTFA want to be involved in the village celebrations in the long weekend in June. They have hired a marquee for the event.

The ptfa has agreed to take part. Ideas put forward for this event.... Film night, rounders tournament, picnic, spring ball moved to that weekend...

This event has now been branded '**Jubilee Weekend Family Fun Day**'

Reminder that school is closed on Monday 6th June.

Jubilee Weekend Family Fun Day

The Parish Council agreed we can go ahead and use the field and marquee for a fun day (and an evening ticketed event) on Friday 3rd June. The evening event will be a fundraiser, the daytime event more a community themed event.

Meeting to discuss the content of the day event at The Canon Wednesday 8th Feb 8pm all welcome.

Suggestions for the event so far... Rounders tournament, picnic, cheese and wine run, dog show, bouncy castle, ice cream van, Monkey Music, family run/park run.

Update following the meeting....

10am Dog show

12noon picnic

1-4pm Family fun and sports day to include bouncy castle, ice cream van, face painting, monkey music. Sports... races, rounders, tennis, football, cricket, welly wanging and cheese & wine run.

There is no fund raising element to this event. Some commission may be made from the ice cream van and the bouncy castle to cover the cost of the Pavilion hire. Everything else will be self-funding with a small fee to cover costs on the dog show and cheese & wine run. Sports activities will be free.

Teri has asked the ice cream man to attend and Scott walker to cover a football activity.

Al is asking Anthony Cox for a cricket activity and Steve Filer about a tennis activity.

Rebecca is investigating Monkey Music option.

Still need contacts for face painting and bouncy castle hire.

The Parish Council are arranging a temporary lift of the dog ban in the playing field.

Basic details of the plans will be put out in April's parish magazine.

The Parish Council Plans...

Thursday – guided walk, ploughmans picnic, quiz night

Friday – PTFA takeover

Saturday – pavilion café, sports day tournaments, silent disco

Sunday – Salvation Army band, gospel choir.

Grand Ball

The PTFA is planning a Spring or Summer ball. The group have been invited to a separate planning group to discuss all matters 'ball'.

Happy's Circus

For consideration....

The circus could come to school for £2950 +Vat fee. We sell tickets at £10-£12ish. The Big Top has a 600-person capacity. We break even at 50% of tickets sold. Possibly £3000 profit if a sell-out.

Restrictions on popcorn but we could do other food sales. Minimal organisation required, just ticket sales. Could be after school or at a weekend....June 2023 or September 2023 if we vote yes.

Circus is booked for 14th July 2023.

Playground Buddy Benches/ Recruitment banner

Following the collapse of the company we ordered the benches from we sourced a new supplier. During this process the cost of timber meant the process increased so the decision was made to temporarily reduce the order from 16 to 12.

Home Instead care company approached the school to ask if they could put a recruitment banner up in the school playground for a year. We asked if they could sponsor two or our benches in exchange for this. They loved the idea of this and felt it aligned with their values as they see their care givers as 'buddies' for the elderly and offered £400 meaning we could buy the remaining four benches.

Message from Teri (Chair)...

“Huge thanks to the following people for making the PTFA Buddy Bench project happen;

Camille, Magdalena, Kate and Andrew for painting the benches. Henry and Steph for creating the plaques. Woodleys Joinery for donating the wood for the plaques. Al for transporting the benches. Sponsors; Sian (Mel’s memorial collection), Kelly (Yr2 collection), Rebecca (Yr1 collection), Emma-Jane Haigh, the Vaughans and Home Instead. Extra special thanks to Kate and Andrew for assembling, painting and hosting a garage full of benches for months.

And particularly special thanks to Kate for sourcing, negotiating price, ordering, chasing, re-sourcing, arranging delivery, ordering again and her effort in attempting to secure a refund for the PTFA after we were let down by the first company. Kate has heard the word ‘bench’ more than anyone should have to and is a PTFA hero”.

School lottery

We have a weekly winner and the chance to win £25.000 plus non cash prizes. Visit www.yourschoollottery.co.uk to buy tickets.

Crisp packet collection

Sadly, this scheme is now closing as crisp packets can be recycled at supermarkets. We have until April 25th to collect as many as possible.

This scheme used to raise £50 a year for us.

Clothing Bank

Don’t forget we have a hungry clothing bank for all preloved clothing – please bring school uniform to the school office for the PTFA Uniform Shop.

Twosday Challenge. 22.2.22

In the fundraising plan for this year was the £22 for 22 sponsorship challenge. Children are invited to anything to earn £22 in sponsorship money.... 22 odd jobs? 22 minutes dancing? Read 22 books

This event raised £88 – meaning 4 children took part.

Allotment appeal

The school are preparing to get things moving on their allotment with the children. They have asked for seeds (vegetables), seed trays and compost. Please donate if you have anything spare.

Lidl and Waitrose have been contacted to see if they can donate. Please ask at your local garden centres to see if they can help.

Easter Eggstravaganza

Date is set for Friday 8th April 1:30-3pm. Last time we planned to use the bottom field but the weather drove us inside. The same is planned for this year unless there are any objections or better ideas.

Need ideas for games/stalls and activities.

Last time we ran it with preschool for the first time we did...

Easter egg hunt, Easter bonnet, raffle, stalls (plants, crafts, tuck shop, uniform), games, chicks and lambs.

Need ideas...

Need volunteers for - creating a poster, making games, designing the egg hunt.

March 17th update

Thoughts required.... Should we go ahead with the Easter event?

Reasons for yes – we can plan it outside/ the guidance has not changed and we are still allowed in school/ if we cancel it will be the third year in a row/ it's a great fundraiser/ it's fun for the kids.

Reasons for no – Covid is sweeping through the school like wildfire so would running an event be irresponsible/ learning lessons from Christmas if the weather turns we need to be prepared to relocate or cancel at the last minute/if we go inside would that make people uncomfortable as it increased the risk of transmission/if it's cancelled last minute there's no option to sell off stock/hold a raffle due to the easter holidays/so far engagement and volunteers are at an all time low, indicating fairly low support for the event anyway.

22nd March – update from Teri.

Thank you for your private messages, I have spoken to some of you and also to Stuart Vaughan.

I've made the decision to cancel the Easter event. In response to the current wave of covid infection sweeping through the school, they don't want unnecessary bodies inside and that removes our wet weather option, plus I don't think a mass gathering at school is a responsible thing to do at this time.

Mr Long's £ for Ib sponsorship

Show your support as Mr Long gets fit and trim, He's asking for £'s for Ib's shed in aid of the PTFA. Sponsor him via the payment button on School Gateway.

Class cakes sales back on!

All funds raised by the class bake sale are used by the class teacher for whatever they wish to spend on... resources, experiences, trips.... The money raised stays with your class and anything not spent follows the children into the next year.

2021/2022 dates

Year 6 – October 14th. Raised £146.65

Year 5 – November 11th. Raised £117

Year 4 – December 9th. Raised £123

Year 3 – January 20th Raised £137

Year 2 – February 17th Raised £139

Year 1 – March 17th Raised £183

Reception – May 19th

Preschool – June 16th

Dates for diaries

Friday 8th July – Summer Fair

Anyone can join this group by contacting Teri Murphy, Chair 07909 798441