

# Newton Poppleford School Association (PTFA)

Meeting Minutes – Virtual meeting via WhatsApp

Autumn term, 2<sup>nd</sup> half term, Nov-Dec 2020

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**Attendees:** Tilli Beglin (Chair outgoing), Katy Evans (Secretary outgoing), Jon Leeson-Kings (Treasurer), Bob Tubbs, Emma-Jane Haigh, Georgia Trengrove, Henry Odbert (Deputy Chair), Kate Clemens (Secretary), Kelly Rogers, Kim Davey, Laura Broughton, Lisa Kavanagh, Rebecca Burdus, Roberta McLeod, Sarah Furzer, Sarah Quilty, Tanisha Ellis, Teri Murphy (Chair), Terrie Hall, Gemma Joyner, Emily Wiley.

**Apologies:** None

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## Welcome

We are unable to meet in person due to government restrictions during the Covid-19 pandemic, this WhatsApp group will serve as a virtual meeting in the meantime, anyone is able to join by contacting the group admin (Teri Murphy, Chair).

## Pumpkin Trail

The pumpkin trail was a success, the honesty box was vandalised on day one, but survived the rest of the week. Feedback from parents has been very positive. £177 raised, this was 110 from orders through bookbags, 2 ordered via email, and 65 from the honesty box.

## 2020/21 Committee

At the AGM new committee members Henry Odbert (Deputy Chair) and Kate Clemens (secretary) appointed. Teri Murphy appointed Chair. Thank you to Tilli and Katy for their time on the committee.

## 2020/21 Class reps

Pre school Tanish Ellis & Kelly Downs

Reception Georgia Trengrove & Gemma Joyner

Year 1 Terrie Hall & Kelly

Year 2 Suzanne Henderson & Vicky Cozens

Year 3 Rich Davey & Emily Wiley

Year 4 Liza McLean & Pia Payne

Year 5 Kelly Maguire & Rachel Taylor

Year 6 Becky Smith

## PTFA communication

It was suggested that the PTFA should communicate with the parent community better its successes and what has been funded. A termly mini report could be produced to be shared on the parent Facebook group and School Matters newsletter.

### **Requests for Funding:**

Funding requests from the school were shared with the group, one for loose part play equipment and one for culturally diverse books for the library. These were already agreed by the PTFA committee in a separate meeting.

### **Bags2School:**

Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> November. Volunteers erected the gazebo by the school bike park Monday 23<sup>rd</sup>. The collection weighed 1,120kg and raised £336.

### **Allotment Project**

Following a successful application to the Woodland Trust, the school will receive 30 free trees (rowan, wild cherry and silver birch) to be planted around the lower field. Mr Filer has also kindly donated 10 trees. The space shall now be called 'Mr Filer's Orchard'. Year 3 will plant them with parent Rich Davey (chosen as they were the winners of the competition to sell the most raffle tickets at the 2019 summer fete).

### **Outdoor Classroom**

Tesco Bags of Help are funding a permanent outdoor structure in far field to support outdoor learning and play in all weathers. They have gifted £1000 to the ptfa.

### **Christmas Fundraising**

Since there would be no Christmas Fayre this year the meeting discussed hampers, santa trail and a santa's grotto.

It was concluded that a Santa's grotto would be too difficult to ensure covid safety. Other ideas such as a video or phone call with santa would perhaps be difficult to arrange, lack magic and may not have a good uptake from parents.

It was therefore agreed that efforts should be concentrated on a hamper raffle and santa trail.

### **Hamper Raffle**

460 tickets were sold virtually. The videoed raffle was drawn by Teri and teacher Mrs Raffle on Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> December and posted to Facebook.

### **Bear Hunt (santa trail) – update from Teri**

The festive trail raised £60. It was held in King Alfred Way. Thank you to Rebecca and Kate for organising, Sarah and Emily for the bears and the residents of KAW for supporting.

### **Autumn Term Report**

Teri has written a short update of the term's events and this will be released in the new year for parents to read. Notice of it will be included in School Matters.

### **Fundraising Totals for 2019/2020**

Update from Teri.

Our fundraising target per year is £5000. In the academic year 2019/2020 the PTFA raised £1350. This year so far, we have raised £1700! This figure does not include grants as these amounts are counted separately and assigned to specific projects.

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**Next Meeting:** Virtual meeting via WhatsApp to continue in Autumn term, 2<sup>nd</sup> half term, everyone welcome to join by contacting group admin, Teri Murphy, Chair.