

# Newton Poppleford School Association (PTFA)

Meeting Minutes – Virtual meeting via WhatsApp

Autumn term, 1<sup>st</sup> half term, Sep-Oct 2020

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

**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).

## Bag2School

This event in 2019 raised £235, agreed to run it again as a Covid-safe fundraiser. Agreed November collection, booked for Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup>, confirmed we will have a gazebo erected by the bike shed from Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> for bag drop off.

## Bike bring and buy

Discussed this idea and how to make Covid-safe, agreed to postpone until spring. Henry Odbert offered to service bikes ready for sale.

## Pumpkin Trail

Agreed this is a good Covid-safe fundraiser to run over half term. Discussed real pumpkins use but agreed to use painted wood slices as real ones would go mouldy. Trail sheets will cost £1 with prize draw from completed sheets after half term, using prizes already donated to the PTFA. Agreed the route for the trail to follow the brook and Webbers meadow, this has been agreed with the Parish Council. Trail sheet orders to be taken via bookbags, with option to purchase electronically, and an honesty box placed at the start of the trail to allow those not currently at school, or from the wider community to participate. Honesty box to be taken in and emptied nightly by Sian Pond and/or Kath Sach, who live opposite the start of the trail.

## Books

The school have requested some new books for the library in response to the Black Lives Matter movement and to promote cultural diversity. They have sourced the list of 40+ books for £348. Kate Clemens sourced the books for £252 after securing a 20% discount from World of Books.

## Allotment

The next phase of building the allotment is ready to take place with an appeal for volunteers to erect the poly tunnel. Stuart Vaughan, Nick Murphy, Chris Trengrove, Paul Boddington, and Ian Joyner met

on a Saturday and put up the poly tunnel and laid a slab base. Next working party to be after half term.

**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.

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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 Muphy.