

Newton Poppleford School Association (PTFA)

Summer term meeting minutes

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.

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 Teri Murphy 07909 798441.

Pennies to pounds

Taking spare change into school raised £107.01!

May half term bake off

Photos of baking creations were sent to Teri via email who gave them to Sally, the kitchen manager, to judge anonymously. Payment for the entry fee of £1 was added to school comms.

The winners would receive a 'Bake -Off' wooden spoon and all entries to receive a certificate.

We had 31 entries. Thank you to Rebecca who donated the prizes. As a result, we made £31.

Thank you to Rebecca, Kelly and Henry for organising certificates and prizes.

School Lottery

Teri promoted the school lottery again. Three weekly winners have kindly donated their winnings back to the school.

Outdoor environment plan

An update from Teri...

The PTFA have agreed to fund some projects for the school's outdoor environment plan and have been beavering away to find the best quality items and prices. We are buying...

Eight buddy benches have been ordered for location across the school site due over the summer holidays. These Buddy Benches will be put forward for a 'Sponsor a Bench' promotion. A £60 donation will give a lasting give to the school, complete with a personalised plaque.

A Chill out zone with benches looking out across the fields

A pergola for a shady seating area with climbing plants situated at the top of the playground due to be delivered over the summer holidays

Two wall murals to make use of the green walls on the top field (these have now been completed)

The benches and pergola have now been ordered and paint for the benches and blackboard mural has been bought.

A shelter for Adventure Island has also been ordered and paid for with a £1000 grant from Tesco Bags of Help and topped up with PTFA funds. This has now been delivered.

Sensory Garden

The Outdoor Environment Committee has approved the latest plans for a sensory garden. The project will cost around £10,000 and the PTFA have secured £9,379 of grant money to go towards this.

PTFA Paper Free

It has been suggested that the PTFA should not be sending home flyers in book bags and should cut down on paper.

The PTFA uses School Matters, Facebook and the Virtual meeting WhatsApp group... not everyone opens School Matters, or uses social media so flyers have gone out to catch anyone who may miss PTFA updates/ fundraisers. It was pointed out that someone who doesn't read school matters may not read flyers either...

The question was put to the group.... Do we go paperless or carry on with flyers to reach the maximum number of people?

After discussion it was decided the PTFA will go paperless and use School Matters, Facebook, WhatsApp, Tapestry and emails where appropriate. The PTFA will also purchase an A-board for posters and promotion. This is now situated at the school entrance bridge.

Sponsored Walk

The final total for the Easter sponsored was came in at £1,303.80. An absolutely incredible amount. Once Gift Aid applications have been completed this figure should increase.

Summer Fete

After hearing that Newton Poppleford Parish council were planning to run their summer fete, Teri launched a poll to get votes as to whether the PTFA should run their summer fete this year.

The fete is our biggest fundraiser of the year (with roughly half of fundraising coming from the Grand Raffle ticket sales) and legally we could hold the fete under the current Covid guidelines (from stage 2), ensuring all Covid secure precautions are put into place.

After the poll 87% of the virtual group who voted felt it should go ahead with necessary precautions in place.

The fete was planned for 9th July at 3:30 in the school playground. Teri appointed a Compliance Officer (Kate) to carry out a detailed risk assessment and ensure we are following all current Covid guidance and planning a covid secure event.

Following tradition Mary Raffell has confirmed that she can organise a Maypole dance with years 5/6 to perform at the fete.

The school has confirmed Friday 9th can be a non-uniform day in exchange for a bottle donation for the fete tombola stall.

BBQ arranged with the Cannon Inn. Gordon's ice cream van booked.

Lisa to apply for TEN. Tilli to order bar stock.

Tilli agreed to organise Tuck shop stall and orders.

Tanisha offered animals so a petting zoo could run... Kate to check Covid restrictions, Jon to check insurance around this.

Due to shortage of time and keeping the school community more Covid secure outside stall holders will not be invited this year.

Bouncy Castle and face painting will not go ahead this year due to difficulties in keeping these areas covid safe.

Prizes requested for our Grand Raffle. Henry to arrange raffle tickets and posters.

21st June – email sent to Teri from a member of the school community expressing strong concern that the fete was going ahead. Teri responded stating that the safety and well being of the school community was top priority and every action taken was following government covid safe guidelines.

22nd June- rates of the Delta variant rising across the country. The PTFA committee agreed to continue to keep the fete under review by continuing local infection rate figures and looking to the government guidelines for advice.

Teri contacted Mr Vaughn who said no guidance issued by County to schools, looks like Newton Pop are the only school arranging a fete this side of summer.

The Devon County show looks to be going ahead but Bicton College have cancelled their fete.

24th June - Newton Poppleford Parish have postponed their fete until August

Local figures show infections still low but are increasing - Poll held on virtual group to see if we should go ahead – 92% who voted wanted to postpone until September.

25th June – fete postponed until September. New date to be confirmed.

Wc 19th July 0 further discussion around dates and format of fete and whether this should be cancelled this year in favour of a bigger xmas fete and other small fundraising events. Teri set up a poll on line. Mr Vaughn felt the children would want the event after voting for their Fete King and Queen and practising for the Maypole. The option of a mini fete was proposed and added to the poll. This was the most favoured outcome. Dates still to be confirmed.

Grand Raffle went ahead! Thank you to everyone who has sourced prizes for this. Special mention for Georgia who has been awesome in getting prizes!

To comply with social distancing guidance, the draw was completed on 9th July by Teri, video recorded and uploaded to the school's parent Facebook page. In total £1504 was raised.

Plants that were headed for the fete plant stall will be put by the bike sheds with an honesty box.

This raised £87

Funding requested from the PTFA

£364 for Theatre Alibi for years Rec-Y6 - approved

£175 coach cost for YR1/2 trip to Exmouth beach – approved

£100 to buy medals/trophies for Yr6 who should have been completing the cancelled Exmoor challenge. Mr Vaughan is planning to take them on the walk and would like to reward their efforts – approved.

Preloved school uniform pop up shop

It was suggested by the PTFA that we set up a preloved uniform shop. School confirmed after allowing parents to claim lost property that all unclaimed items could be donated to the PTFA.

Questions were raised as to whether this would need to be virtual with a 'preloved' page set up or whether it would be better to run a table top sale once a half term on the school playground. The latter was decided on once Covid restriction have been lifted. Volunteers will wash, categorise and size group the stock.

Parents would then be asked for any donations.

Details of this to be revisited in September.

Clothing Bank

A 'Bags of Help' clothing bank will be installed in September with payment by the kilo.

Refreshment Sales at the Yr5/6 play

The ptfa was asked if they'd consider serving refreshments and ice lollies. Thank you to Sarah, Kelly and Emily. This raised £90 profit.

Parish Council Firework Night Event

The Parish council have approached the PTFA first refusal on the concession for all hot food. The PC is proposing a £150 concession fee (funds to go to the NPPFF pavilion charity). In addition, the PTFA will assist with ticket sales and supply stewards on the night. Each steward will receive 2 free tickets.

In generally the group felt that this would be a good option whilst also building a relationship with the PC.

Outdoor cinema night

Georgia is looking into prices and options for this to be held at the school.

Next Meeting: to be confirmed once Covid guidance is reviewed in September. In the meantime anyone can join this group by contacting Teri Murphy, Chair.