



Minutes of Anton Friends PTA Meeting, Held on Wednesday 13th November 2024

Attendees: Lindsay Nock, Nikki Belbin, Natalie Dowdall, Skylar Spencer, Lizzie Perkins, Karen Helsdon

Apologies: Lauren Kirk, Gemma Saunders, Stacey Smith, Nikki Bennett, Laura Skeates

This meeting was held at Anton Junior School

Breakdown/Improvements

1. Infant School Welcome Party – Wednesday 10/10/2024

This event was a bit difficult as the card reader did not work, most parents paid with cash with some bringing money into the school office later.

This event raised at least £350 with the final amount not yet confirmed.

The token system was trialled and this worked well, it was suggested that different colours might be used next time to cater for any children with allergies.

2. Break the Rules Day – Thursday 24/10/2024

This event went well and raised £444.20 for the schools.

3. Junior School Autumn Disco – Wednesday 06/11/2024

This event went with the card machine working properly this time. £280 was taken on the machine and £800 in total.

Check in system worked fine.

It was noted there were fewer volunteers this time but we have lost a few of our regular volunteers with last year's Yr 6 parents.

DJ has requested dates in advance for the summer as he may be able to continue if given plenty of notice, otherwise someone else may need to be found.

Forthcoming Events

1. Christmas Fayre – Friday 06/12/2024

It has been decided to hold this year's Christmas Fayre in the Junior School Hall and practical areas as there is difficulty in lighting the footpaths between the two schools. The covered area by the MAAD room will also be used for the tombola.

Letters are to go out to parents shortly with offers of help and grotto reply slips back by 22/11/2024.

Santa's grotto will again be held during the school day on the 6th December in Rainbow Room. Grotto building will take place on Thursday 5th December from 2pm and Lindsay will check Laura is happy for us to use the room from then. Price will be £5 per child; Nikki

and Skylar will organise ordering gifts which should cost around £2.50 per child. Nikki will check with Natasha Baldwin that Santa is available.

Raffle tickets are ordered and Lindsay will chase getting these out in time.

Dress down day will be on Friday 29th December with hamper wrapping and tombola labelling in the teaching room after school drop off in the morning. Mark has been collecting fruit boxes for the hampers.

There will be a homemade cake sale, no hot drinks but cans, fruit shoots will be sold.

Games as last year:

Santa Chimney Game

Snowman Game

Gingle Strings if manpower allows

Christmas Tree lolly game

Christmas hoop game

Spin the Wheel

Glitter tattoos and temporary tattoos

Sweet stall (pick and mix)

Photo booth using grotto and props

Tombola (to be outside)

Raffle

Junior craft stall

It was discussed that it might be helpful to purchase a second card reader so there could be two available on the evening.

2. Infant Stay and Play – Thursday 16/01/2024

Date needs to be confirmed with Laura Skeates and if she is happy letters can go out first week back after the Christmas break. Nikki will check with Laura about this.

3. Date of next Committee Meeting

The next committee meeting date has been changed to 15/01/2025 and will be held in the Infant School at 6pm.

Any Other Business

The price offered by Bags to School has been dropped to 30p per kilo. Lindsay is going to have a look around to see if there are any other companies offering a better price.

Next Meeting Dates:

Full Committee Meeting: Wednesday 15/01/2025 at 6pm, Anton Infant School

Full Committee Meeting: Wednesday 15/03/2025 at 6.15pm, Anton Junior Teaching Room.