



Minutes of Anton Friends PTA Meeting, Held on Wednesday 9th November 2022

Attendees: Natalie Dowdall, Lindsay Nock, Nikki Bennett, Toni Pagett, Paula Bridge, Clare Lambert, Katie Fielder, Stacey Smith, Susan Wyeth, Jemma Leonard, Nicki Belbin, Angela Carter, Natasha Baldwin, Karen Helsdon

Apologies: Chantelle Bedford, Gemma Saunders

This meeting was held at Anton Infant School.

1. Scarecrow Hunt

The Scarecrow Hunt raised £140 for the schools and was enjoyed by the participants. It was suggested that it might be possible to create a google form for next year instead of printing out individual quiz sheets.

It was also suggested that a note should be added to the letter to let people know that they do not need to have made a scarecrow to take part.

2. Infant Welcome Party and Junior Autumn Disco

Both events were very well attended and raised £1240 for the schools.

At the Junior School disco a lot of parents chose to pay at the door which created quite a queue at the start of the event. There were also problems with parking outside the school due to the bad weather. It was suggested that this event should take place in Autumn 1 next year (before half term) so that children are arriving in the light. It would be advisable to add a message to the paperwork to advise that parents will need to attend to drop off their child at the door and to bring the slip even if paying at the door to provide phone numbers for emergency contacts.

It was suggested that prices be changed to £4 in advance and £5 on the door to encourage as many parents as possible to pay in advance.

3. Father Christmas – Friday 2nd December 2022

Father Christmas is booked and will attend in the morning of 2nd December. The grotto will be set up in Bumblebee classroom on the Thursday afternoon 1st December 2022 from 2pm. **Action – Lindsay and Natalie are available for this.**

The grotto will open at 9.30am and finish before lunch to then allow set-up for the Christmas Fayre. Letters to go out as soon as possible £5 per child – **Action Jemma to send letter to schools.**

Santa presents – suggestions are craft items from Baker Ross and selection boxes (will advise on the letter that the present may contain food).

4. **Dress Down Day for Tombola/Raffle prizes – Friday 25th November 2022**

Letter to go out to parents as soon as possible – **Action Jemma**

Hamper wrapping will take place on 25th November after school in the Infant School.

Mark is collecting fruit boxes for the hampers.

Raffle Tickets to go out as soon as possible.

5. **Christmas Fayre – Friday 2nd December 2022**

Homemade cakes to be requested to be brought in on the morning of 2nd December.

The Fayre will take place in the Infant School Hall and playground. It was suggested that entrance to the Fayre be through the double doors to the hall with exit through reception to try to ease congestion.

Refreshment stalls, tombola and entertainment will be held outside (weather permitting). Infant School choir will perform from 4pm, Junior School choir from 4.30pm.

Stalls inside to include:

Sweet stall and hot chocolate cones – Paula and Chantelle.

Christmas Tree lolly game

Through snowballs at the snowman game

Santa chimney game

Christmas hoop game

Bottle game

Gingle Strings

£1 game

Children to make gifts in school to sell.

Glitter tattoos and temporary tattoos – Angela

Santa letters – Children can write a letter to Santa and then will receive a reply via school.

Refreshments – cake stall, hot and cold drinks, crisps – to request whether governors will be able to man this stall. **Action – Toni and Nikki to ask if governors would be available.**

6. **Bags to School**

Next date is 18th January 2023.

7. **Infant Stay and Play – Tuesday 10th January 2023**

Karen and Stacey to organise with letters to go out on first day back of term.

8. **Junior Movie Night – Thursday 12th January 2023**

Lindsay and Paula to organise after Christmas break.

Any Other Business

The date of the next committee meeting was changed to Wednesday 18th January 2023.

Funding request from Infant School for £50 per class for classroom Christmas presents.

Toni Pagett suggested a fund-raising idea of Break the Rules Day. The school would decide which rules can be broken and children can choose which they would like to break and pay 50p per rule. This will be discussed that the next meeting.

Rosebourne Garden Centre have donated a raffle prize and have asked if a flyer can go out with the school newsletters – both schools agreed to send this out to parents.

Next Meeting Dates:

Wednesday 18th January 2023 at 6pm