



## **Minutes of Anton Friends PTA Subcommittee Meeting, Held on Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> November 2020**

Attendees: Laura Vale, Jemma Leonard, Kelly Bird, Jane Hayward, Nikki Bennett,  
Susan Wyeth, Kirsten Hill, Sharon Duffield, Karen Helsdon

Apologies:

The meeting was opened by Laura Vale.

**1. Bags2School**

17<sup>th</sup> November 2020 – This was the most successful collection yet and raised around £250 for the schools.

**2. Club 100**

There was not as much take-up as hoped with around 50 signed up. This has raised around £200 for the schools.

**3. Mother's Day and Father's Day Sales**

These should still be possible to organise within current restrictions **Action - Karen to add to agenda to be discussed at January PTA Meeting.**

**4. Other Fund-raising ideas**

Laura shared some ideas which she and other members had suggested – please see attached document.

It was discussed how it would be possible to raise funds for the schools. Laura suggested that, as it is not possible for the PTA to come onto the school sites to assist with fundraising that should the schools have any ideas for extra fundraising which they can complete without PTA assistance that they should go ahead with these.

Other suggestions discussed:

Decorate a bauble competition with a prize for the best bauble.

12 days of Christmas Quiz/Trail with a clue for each day for the children to find.

Paper Quiz sheet which the children could buy to complete with their family over Christmas. There would be no need to return this to school – this could be a family activity. **Action Kirsten and Laura will look into putting together a quiz.**

Additional dress down day – possibly at the Christmas party. It was felt that asking families to contribute to another dress down day before Christmas in addition to Christmas jumper day may be too much.

It was felt that the quiz would be the best option for a Christmas activity as there are only 3 weeks of term left which would put added pressure on the schools as PTA are not able to help with manpower for activities.

Matchbox Challenge – each child would be given a craft matchbox to take home. The children will add as many small items as possible. They then return the matchbox with a list of what's inside and payment (suggested £2). A small prize would be given for the child who fits in the most items (it was discussed that some items should not be allowed eg animals – living or dead, body parts). It was suggested that this would be a good activity for after Christmas in January.

Smarties Tube Challenge – each child to be given a full tube of smarties which they then fill with coins at home. It was suggested that we could ask local supermarkets if they would be willing to donate tubes of smarties to use for this as otherwise the cost may be too high. A suggestion was also made that this could be a chore challenge with the children doing chores at home over half term in return for small change to add to their tube. It was suggested that it might be better to make this an opt in activity rather than giving the tubes to every child as there will be some children whose parents would prefer they were not given smarties. **Action – Sharon will contact local supermarkets to see if they would be willing to make a donation of Smartie tubes.**

Pennies in a bottle – each child would be given a small coke bottle and requested to fill with small change and then the bottle be donated to the school. It was also suggested that this could be a class activity with the PTA supplying a bottle per class for the children to bring in small change to fill. This would be less pressure on parents as they could bring in small amounts of change rather than have to fill the whole bottle. It was suggested that this could be a challenge with a prize for the first class to fill their bottle.

Easter Bingo via zoom this year. Kelly also suggested holding a half-term quiz via zoom as a test to see how well this will work before trying Bingo as there is usually a large take-up on the Easter Bingo.

Local Business Catalogue – An advertising booklet to send home with the children. A volunteer would need to contact local businesses to ask whether they would like to pay (suggested £10) for an advert space in the catalogue. **If anyone would be able to volunteer to take up this task, please contact the PTA.**

Anton's Got Talent – a Junior School parent had contacted Kirsten to offer her services putting together a virtual Anton's Got Talent. Parents would be asked to video their child performing and then send this in. The parent will then put together a movie/montage of the children's performances with perhaps some comments from the teachers. This could then be sold to parents. It was felt that from a safeguarding point of view this would be possible as the parents would give permission to use the clip of their child by sending this in. **Action – Kirsten will get back to parent to ask if she would like to go ahead with organising this.**

Jemma fed back that she has found a parent whose company will do match funding. £500 is the minimum amount. It was suggested that organising a big raffle for Easter Bingo might help with raising enough funds to use this.

Supermarket Coin Drop – It was suggested that we could try to get the PTA added to a wait list to be included in one of the local supermarket’s charity coin donation scheme. **Action – Laura will check up on this.**

Bags2School – Kirsten asked whether the schools had any preference on dates for another collection in January. **Action – Kirsten will get in touch with the company to arrange a date.**

5. **Any Other Business**

There were no funding requests from the schools today.

**Next Meeting Dates:**

Full Committee Meeting – Monday 11<sup>th</sup> January 2021 at 6pm via zoom.