



Shillingstone Primary PTA

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Minutes of Meeting

14th January 2025 8:00pm

The Old Ox Inn

Attendees

Jasmine Young (JY)

Lillie Smith (LS)

Sophie Hibbard (SH)

Teresa Adams (TA)

Lindsay Curry (LC)

Kirstin Drake (KD)

Leanne Pearce (LP)

Apologies Jo Newton (JN)

Minutes of previous meeting – Checked

Matter arising from last minutes – None

Agenda

1. Christmas Activities Round-Up
2. Spring Term Planning and Events



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- **Pancake Day**
- **Valentines Day**
- **Movie Night**
- **Mothers' Day**
- **Easter Bingo**

3. **Class Money and funds**
4. **Year 6 Leavers**
5. **AOB**

1. **Christmas Round Up**

- The Christmas Raffle and Bake Off raised £904.29 in total. The goal was £500 so this is fantastic.
- There were 21 entries to the bake off and this was deemed a success. By hosting the raffle draw in assembly and inviting parents an extra ~£150 was raised in last minute ticket sales.
- For future raffles it was suggested by LC that we could look at electronic raffle tickets where families could buy tickets via a link. This would enable tickets to be sold further afield to relatives etc. This would run alongside traditional ticket sales. KD is going to ask a contact at Blandford School for advice on electronic raffle tickets.
- Christmas 2026 ideas – Wreath making workshops and a Christmas Fair including a raffle and grotto.

2. **Spring Term Planning and Events**

➤ **Pancake Day**

- Before half term it is suggested that a Shrove Tuesday Pancake Day event is held in school by the PTA. (TBC – JY to consult with AW)
- This would involve a sponsored pancake flip in the week commencing 9th February (exact date and time TBC). Children will attempt to flip a pancake (cold!) as many times as they can in a minute. This will be done class by class in small groups.



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- Children will take home sponsorship forms (to be organised by SH).
- PTA to bring in spare frying pans.
- After the flip challenge, children will get a pancake each to eat including toppings provided by the PTA. Toppings discussed and agreed to include: squirty cream, sprinkles, marshmallows, chocolate sauce, and strawberry sauce.
- Timings TBC but TA advised it was best to do this after lunch given the high sugar content. TA to check with AW.

➤ **Valentines Day**

- To celebrate Valentines Day, the PTA will be putting together and selling sweet cones.
- Sweets to be brought in as donations in exchange for a non-uniform day on 30th January (TBC)
- To be announced in the newsletter on Friday 16th January (TA).
- Sweet cones will be assembled by PTA volunteers in school on a day in the week commencing 2nd February (TBC) and be sold after school on Friday 13th February.

➤ **Movie Night**

- As an alternative to a disco, it was suggested a movie night be organised after the February half term, in the week commencing 2nd March on either a Wednesday or Thursday evening 5:00 – 6:30 PM. (date TBC – TA to consult with staff)
- Movie will have to be U rating to comply with school policy. Movie TBC.
- £1.50 entry
- Popcorn, cookies and squash to be provided by the PTA.
- Approx. 15 PTA volunteers are needed to help. TBC

➤ **Mothers' Day**

- It was agreed that Mothers' Day sale will be held for the children to purchase small gifts for their mothers in week commencing 9th March (Date TBC)
- There are already a substantial number of gifts in "the cupboard".
- JY, LS and SH to sort through the cupboard items (Date TBC).
- Additional gifts will need to be bought/sourced. Ideas included: candles, sweets, bath bombs.
- SH to contact Lush for a donation.



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➤ **Easter Bingo**

- An Easter Bingo will be held in the Portman Hall.
- Date TBC but it was discussed and agreed a Friday night would be best.
- SH to contact the Portman Hall for a quote and to confirm proposed date of 27th March, Doors 7:00pm and eyes-down 7:30pm with access in the afternoon for set up. To be sorted by 20th January so an announcement can be made in the Parish Magazine by
- It was discussed that it would be for adults and children aged 10 +.
- Items needed: Bingo machine, dabbers, books (TBC)
- It was decided that hotdogs will be available at half time. Snacks and drinks e.g. crisps, chocolate to be sold.
- A trip to Macro will be organised to get all drink and food (date TBC)
- At the next meeting once costings are established, prices will be discussed.
- It was suggested that prizes could be gathered via sponsorship from local business in exchange for advertising.
- It was suggested that donations of prizes could be given into school (e.g bottles etc.) to make up hampers.
- Suggestions of businesses to contact: Co-op for Easter eggs, Wessex Internet, Lush.

3. Class Money

- £200 has been requested by the school as a donation towards the Year 6 trip. This was agreed.
- Woodland Class have a trip to Monkey World and it was agreed a contribution could be made towards this – Amount TBC
- LS confirmed that after expected expenditure there was ~£4,000 left in the bank account unallocated.

4. Year 6 Leavers

PTA to pay for the Year 6 leaver books which will be sorted out by Mrs Vail.



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- It was discussed whether the PTA could finance the Year 6 leaver hoodies. The cost is around £500. It was agreed that due to the various other costs Year 6 parents have, this would be a good idea and can be continued on a yearly basis.

5. AOB

- AW has requested the bike shelter needs attention. AW to draw up a list of materials and JY's dad will source from Bradford Building Supplies as a donation
- The Jungle Class garden is looking tired and needs attention. SH to contact Paul at BYB to see if he can provide assistance with his volunteers.
- Jungle Clas have a list of items made from e.g. pallets they would like help with. PTA to ask families if there is any materials or trade skills that could be put to use.
- Mr Harris has suggested he would like to arrange a charity football match. Clarification is needed int how this will raise funds for the PTA and how this will be run.
- Stikin stickers – some parents have noted there are better alternatives SH will look into alternatives as this is a good way to raise funds.
- The children are keen to do the mini-marathon in the Summer Term. The school will sign up for this when applications are open and the PTA will support this event.
- Some parents have asked if the PTA should become a charity or CIC. This could open-up additional streams of revenue in the form of various grants, however, it was discussed that due to increased regulations and costs this was not feasible.