

# Fiends of BJS Minutes from the PTA meeting on 26/01/2021

*Present: Richard Catchpole, Rachel Barker, Sarah Speirs, Jackie Ahrens, Steve Muir, Katherine Carter, Nicola Riley*

## WELCOME AND TREASURERS REPORT

- Sarah congratulated the school community for helping raise a huge amount of money in the Christmas fundraising events.
- Steve talked through the latest Treasurers Report. **See attached.** *Please note: Easy Fundraising from Nov & Dec will not show in the PTA bank account until Feb / March.*

## PTA SUPPORTING FAMILIES AND STAFF

- Sarah asked if the PTA can help families in need. Richard confirmed he has already sent a message to the school community, asking anyone to get in touch with him in private if they need support. So far, several IT resources from school have been shared with families who will greatly benefit from them. Richard will send another message to see if anyone else needs IT resources or other forms of support. If so, he will ask the school community if anyone has unused lap-tops or devices that can be donated with a view to distributing these to families who need them.
- Jackie asked if any of the teachers need assistance or resources. Rachel said that interactive stylus' are a very helpful teaching aid, and will organise the purchasing of these, which the PTA will fund.
- Richard emphasised that the most important thing the PTA can assist with now, is not fundraising, but to help enhance a sense of community, about bringing people together.

## TREASURE HUNT IN GODALMING

- Sarah, Jackie, Lorraine, Steve and Katherine will create a Treasure Hunt around Godalming Town for all children and families to take part in. More information to follow....

## USE OF PTA FUNDS IN SCHOOL

- Richard is looking into the following, which will be funded by the PTA:
  - \*A back-to-school celebration.
  - \* A school trip to the beach.
  - \*An increase to the Hardship Fund.
  - \*Live streaming of a professional panto.
- He will also look at other areas (medium – long term goals) to best use PTA funds.

## YEAR 6 LEAVERS BOOK, HOODIES AND AUTOGRAPH BOOKS

- Nicola (6E rep) will look into gathering a team to oversee the leavers books.
- Richard noted that Y6 hoodies will need to be ordered before the Easter holidays, so that they are ready for delivery in June. We need a couple of volunteers to oversee this.
- Rachel confirmed the school will organise Y6 autograph books, which are PTA funded.

## DATES FOR SUMMER BBQ AND BONFIRE NIGHT

- Confirm dates for Summer BBQ and Bonfire Night at the next PTA meeting (date of next meeting to be confirmed in March).