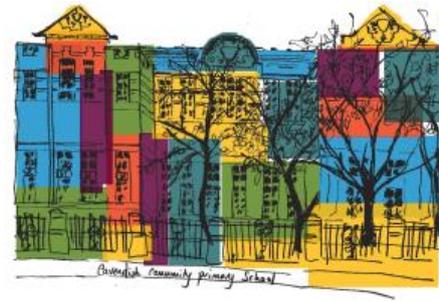




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Minutes for Cavendish PTA Meeting 14.11.2018

Present; Janet Marland (Head) Krystal Kerr (Chair) Clare Northern (Co Treasurer) Iwona Derezinska (Co Treasurer) Catherine Mckinnon (Secretary) Rob King, Clare Stapleton, Claire Seneviratne, Clare Northern, Iwona Derezinska, Nessa Green, Rachel Marsden, Nicola Merry, Gemma McCorkell, Paul Holloway

Apologies; Louise Gelder, Dawn Lappin, Jen Barnes Gita Clark, Vicky Brown, Heidi Excell, Elicia Walsh, Elaine Clements, Rachel Okolie, Leanne Johnson

1. Financial Update

PTA current Bank Balance - £14,200

2. Updates on Events Since Last Meeting

Film Night - This is becoming an ever-popular event and raises good money for minimum effort. Tickets had almost sold out for KS1 and KS2 before the films had been picked. This film night raised £1075 profit.

Bonfire Night – Back for its 12th year we were once again lucky with the weather. The event raised £5,300 profit. It was noted that this was down £900 on last year (which was a bumper year £3k up on 2016). The lower profit on last year can be explained by around 300 people less than last year through the gates, a £400 increase in firework cost. There were also additional costs to last year like a more expensive banner which is reuseable, Tyvek wrist bands and posters.

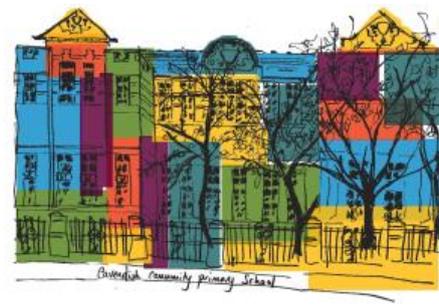
Krystal noted that she had spoken to a few other organisers of bonfire events and they all commented that numbers were down.

Overall a very successful event that seemed well received by the wider community. For next year we need to look at increasing the cost to cover the higher firework costs but need to be mindful of float and ease of payment, maybe £2 per child and £4 per adult and look at pre-selling tickets but we need to find the cheapest way to do this as many companies take a percentage.

3. Events



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Christmas Crafternoon – planned for this Friday, Nessa is heading it up. Opportunity to make Christmas cards and clay baubles. Nessa would like to look at entering the cards that are scanned into a competition and the winning design to be used as a thank you card for those businesses that have donated to the raffle. People could also do their designs at home and scan them in to be part of the competition.

Christmas Cards – it was decided to not do orderable cards this year as we have been let down the last few years by the provider and we can't find an alternative to deliver in the time scale available and without lots of admin as the committee do not have the capacity this year to handle it.

Christmas Fair – this is happening the 7th December. We have asked teachers to let us know what stalls they are doing before the 24th November, so we can allocate teachers to other stalls. Krystal is talking to a few companies to see if they would sponsor an element of the fair.

Nessa mentioned a Christmas trail idea where children get a map of the fair and go round collecting stamps at different points of the fair to be entered into a draw for a prize. This would help people navigate the fair as it was noted people are not used to things being in the dinner hall yet and increase footfall across the fair.

We are down on some big raffle prizes this year as there aren't really any children's theatre productions coming to Manchester to reduced opportunity. We have had one parent sponsor £100 gift voucher and think it would be a good idea to see if other parents would like the same opportunity. Raffle tickets to go out next week. Janet will get Y6 children to put 2 books and a letter in envelopes so that we can ensure all children take home 2 as noted in previous years some children only go home with one.

Instead of asking for bakers we will look at doing a school bake off with different categories and small prizes for the winners, all entries to then be sold off at the Fair.

Disco – look at holding 2 discos (KS1 and KS2) in February, dates TBC but both to be headed up by Naomi Reagan. Have mentioned these to Paul Holloway who will advise on his availability.

Quiz Night – Need to confirm a date for March time. Noted that the tickets last year sold out before they were marketed. Look at moving to the Dinner Hall to increase capacity.

Movie Night – We will look at running another (KS1 and 2) in January.



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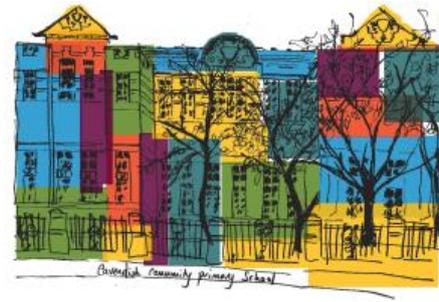
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Bonfire Night – This had been confirmed for the 1st November but now looks like this may fall in half term. Will talk to Chorlton fireworks to see if this can be moved to the following week. Noted that maybe Friday the 8th is too late to get peoples interest, may look at the 5th. Noted that the Y6 away weekend has moved to the end of November.

One Families – The PTA have put in for a grant from One Families via Iwona. Last year they gave £65k in grants. We hope to find out at the end of November. The grant would help pay for vital equipment needed by the PTA to run the events.

4. Teachers Requests for Funds

Nicola Merry – Y1 would like to repeat the chick hatching experience that the whole school ended up enjoying earlier this year. Requests £530 to fund chicks

Nicola Merry – Would like to put some bird boxes up on the field especially in the wake of the disruption caused by the building work on the old hospital site. No prices to hand but the committee thought it would be the perfect thing for a local business to sponsor. Krystal will talk to some local businesses to see if they would sponsor ie Bellway Homes, Blaggs. If no joy then will revisit at future PTA meeting with costs in hand.

Rob King – Year 5&6 would like to go to the cinema again rather than bring a theatre company in. Total cost including the tram would be £930. Requests £930 to fun cinema trip.

Rachel Marsden – Mad Science has been well received in previous years and would like to bring this to years 1-6. It would need to take place over 3 days and would involve age appropriate assembly for each year as well as group activities. Cost per child is £4.50. Total cost £2295. Could ask parents for a contribution, £2 parental contribution would be £1275. Requests £2295.

Rachel Marsden on behalf of Mike Davies – Would like to take Y3 to the Big Sing Around in March, the total cost of this would be £450. Requests £450 for Y3 Big Sing

Janet Marland – Would like to take Y5&6 to the Bridgewater Hall to see the Halle. Cost of the tickets would be £612.50, including the tram £787.50. Requests £787.50.

Total Request for Funds: £4992.50



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Agree to fund the following;

Y1 Hatching Chicks	£530
Y5&6 Christmas Cinema Trip	£930
Y1-6 Mad Science	£1275 (£2 parental contribution)
Y3 Sing Around	£450
Y5&6 Halle Youth Orchestra	£787.50

Cavendish PTA have agreed to donate a total of £3972.50 to the school, to fund the above projects.

5. AOB

Lottery Funding – After failing with our application for lottery funding last year we are relooking at this but need to carry out a survey with parents to back up the application. Ongoing

Just Giving Page – A parent has asked if they can set up a regular donation to the PTA, this would also be entitled for gift aid. It would also give the opportunity for those parents that can't attend an event to give a donation if they want. There are a number of different options out there, some take a cut so Clare Northern will look into the different options and report back on the most beneficial option.

6. Date of Next Meeting

Date of next meeting set as the 12th February 2019



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