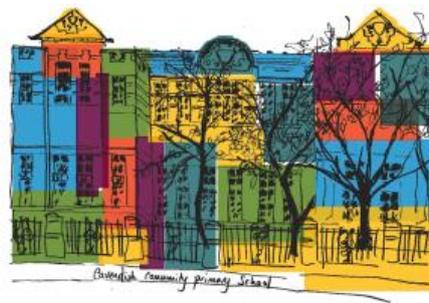




# Cavendish PTA



## Minutes for Cavendish PTA meeting 11.11.2014

**Present:** Dawn Lappin (DL), Vino Bromfield, Caroline McGilliard, Catherine McKinnon, Nicola Sherlock, Jen Barnes, Denise Coco Summerton, Maggie McManus, Krystal Kerr, Nic Kennedy (NK), Bridget Moss, Rob King, Helen Boanas, Rachael Myers, David Griffiths (DG), Carla Smith, Simon Manning (SM)

**Apologies:** Janet Marland, Paul Tempest

### Treasurer's Report

Bonfire night was very successful, making a profit of £3834. This was helped by the good weather, good publicity and the fact that the bonfire is now an established event.

### Events

#### Bonfire night 2014

DL reiterated thanks to everyone involved. A team of around 50 people worked very hard to run the event. It is intended to write up a crib sheet to detail what was bought, amounts bought, what sold (or sold out) etc, and to also ask for feedback from volunteers about what was successful and what could be improved next year.

NK highlighted that due to the planned building work it may not be possible to run the bonfire night in 2015 as the double gates will possibly be blocked. A decision on this will need to be taken nearer the time.

DL reported that lid for one of the food pans borrowed from Namaste had gone missing, and may need replacing. DL to send out an email to ask if anyone knows where it is. Suggested that it may be worth the PTA investing in their own set rather than borrowing in future. **Action: DL**

DL also reported that the large gazebo was blown over before it could be dismantled and four poles snapped. SM said that these could be replaced in worst case but Gary is trying to repair them first.

#### Christmas fair 2014

To be held on Friday 5<sup>th</sup> December straight after school.

All agreed that too short notice to arrange a raffle.

Discussion as to whether to have two Santas concluded that logistics too difficult for this year. Agreed instead to sell pre-booked tickets for a Santa timeslot, and to have a tuck stall near the queue. Two Santas to be reviewed in 2015. Suggestion made that pictures of children with Santa could be taken & sold, idea to be considered by sub-committee.



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Entrance fee to be confirmed - £1 per family, or 50p per person.

Chocolate non-uniform day – Friday 21<sup>st</sup> November

Bottle non-uniform day – Friday 28<sup>th</sup> November

DL suggested that the school choir could sing carols outside, near mulled wine and mince pie stall.

Other ideas for stalls included: Flashing/glow merchandise, wrapping paper and Christmas cards, cakes/savoury goods, craft Christmas wreaths/trees.

Rachael Myers offered that Nursery could make decorated cups to sell with sweets as per 2014 as way of thanks for waterproof clothing funding. RM also offered to help label the tombola. Carla offered to help with craft stalls.

**Sub-committee for making arrangements formed: Dawn, Maggie, Caroline, Catherine, Jen, Nicola, Vino and Denise.**

## **Valentines Disco 2015**

Date of Friday 13th February proposed. Sub-committee to be formed ASAP, DL to request volunteers via email. **Action: DL**

## **Teachers Requests for Funds**

### **a) Request from Carla Smith**

Carla had two requests for funds, both associated with supporting children with learning difficulties.

[1] Carla would like to purchase 2 x laptops for the support staff as the ones currently used are not always available and are becoming old and unreliable. The laptops would also ensure the ability to be mobile and seek out quiet areas for sessions with the children. Has priced laptops at £399 each which would be £333 minus tax, total of £666.

[2] There is a computer package called “NESSY Reading” which is a multi-sensory programme designed for children with dyslexia and memory processing issues. The package will make lesson planning more efficient, and will record the progress of each child via a login and also can set targets. Annual licence is £210 for 20 users. DG said that school could trial for 12 months and then possibly fund from the school’s SEN budget if successful.

**All agreed and £876 approved**



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## **b) Request from Nic Kennedy for Y3**

As part of the new curriculum, Y3 are learning about local history. This includes a planned trip to Manchester city centre on the tram and a ride on the Manchester wheel. School has negotiated a 20% discount on the wheel price, and is asking a £5 parental contribution but would like the PTA to subsidise the rest of the cost which would amount to £283.90. This will benefit 85 children.

**All agreed and £283.90 approved.**

## **c) Requests from David Griffiths**

David had two requests from Janet Marland.

[1] £500 for Y1&2 to attend the Big Christmas Sing at the Bridgewater Hall. School will cover the coach costs which will probably be another £350 to £400. 150 children will benefit.

**All agreed and £500 approved**

[2] £1200 to facilitate involvement of either Y4 or Y5 in an orchestral project at the Bridgewater with the orchestra of St Petersburg. It includes an evening trip to see a live classical concert and the opportunity to perform on stage with the orchestra at a later date following a workshop. Cavendish have applied for this although it is not guaranteed that they will be selected (only 6 schools will be chosen). 60 children will benefit. This event will happen after Christmas.

**All have agreed in principle and will reserve £1200**

## **d) Request from Rob King**

Current waterproofs for both Nursery and Reception are becoming very old and tatty. Would like to invest in 80 new sets for Nursery and 40 for Reception. Estimates maximum price of £20 per set, although likely to be slightly cheaper if shop around. Krystal Kerr suggested that Decathlon might offer a good bulk discount for a bulk order if negotiate hard.

**All agreed and a maximum spend of £2400 approved.**

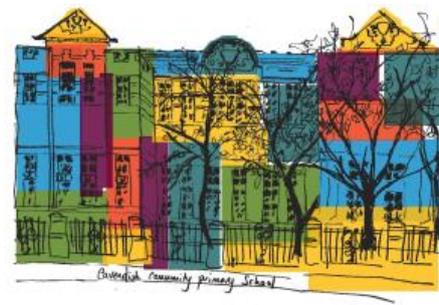
## **e) Request from Margaret Hayles**

Margaret would like to buy 60 medals (20 gold, 20 silver, 20 bronze) at a cost of £1 each for rewards at the various athletics clubs.

**All agreed and £60 approved**



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## f) PTA 'Sandwich board' for playground

Suggestion at previous meeting that could use a 'sandwich board' to advertise PTA events in playground. Price check had indicated that process started at £40 for the cheapest and increased to greater than £60. Was suggested that it should be possible to make one rather than buying, and that Gary would be happy to help with this. **Action DL to speak to Gary.**

**Cavendish PTA agreed to donate a total of £5319.90 to the school to fund the above projects.**

## AOB

Cavendish PTA newsletter name competition. The submitted names were voted on at the meeting but and the winner will be revealed in the second edition of the newsletter.

**Next Meeting – Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> January 2015**