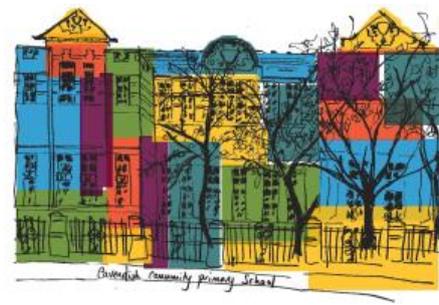




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## Minutes for Cavendish PTA meeting 24.01.2017

**Present:** Dawn Lappin (Chair), Jen Barnes (Treasurer), Catherine Mckinnon (Secretary) David Griffiths (Dept Head), Rob King, Rachel Myers, Lorna Cook, Caroline McGillard, Sarah Hookes, Laura Coleman, Leann Johnson, Louise Gelder, Rachel Marsden, Alison Cole, Emily Brick

### 1. Apologies: NA

### 2. Financial update

The bank balance is approximately £10,500.

### 3. Update on Events Since Last Meeting:

#### Christmas Fair

The Christmas fair was the best to date and raised just under £3,800 which included Teacher led stalls which made just under £300, giving the PTA a profit of just under £3,500.

Breaking it down, the raffle did very well, Reception helped to sell tickets with lots of pre-fair sales and great prizes, as well as 2 raffle books going out in each book bag opposed to previous years of only 1.

The Grotto system worked well this year and holding the event over 3 halls meant it felt slightly less chaotic and people hung around more in the café area.

Generally, there was good feedback and an appreciation of running a non-alcoholic and mixed bottle tombola.

As always, lots of hard work by lots of volunteers and staff helped the overall effort.

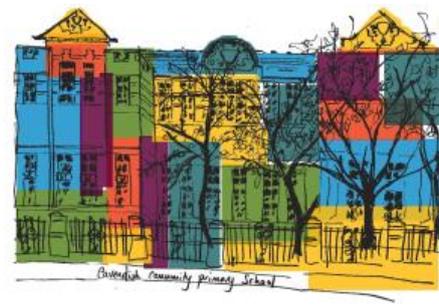
**Overall PTA Total for the Fair: £3,500**

#### Christmas Cards

Considering all the disruption caused with the crash of the provider's system we didn't do too badly. Only one family didn't receive their order. Overall, we had about



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the same uptake as last year. Still waiting confirmation from the provider of the cost before we can calculate the value raised for the school.

#### 4. Upcoming Events

**Movie Night** - Originally this was put as the 3<sup>rd</sup> of Feb but due to availability agreed to move this to the 10<sup>th</sup> February. We will run 2 Halls for different Key Stages.

Downstairs Hall – KS1 (Y1&2)

Dinner Hall – KS2 (Y3-6) noted that the dinner hall has a much bigger screen and capacity.

Movies to be selected separately and put to pupil vote as a means of driving interest. Noted that tickets can be sold on Gateway and capped for capacity.

**Quiz Night** – Date confirmed of the 10<sup>th</sup> March.

We need to look at food options as the food was popular last year but was all donated by local suppliers. Feeling that it is unfair to go back to the same sources and ask for donations. **DL** has already spoken to a couple of alternatives. Cheese boards could be easily done as a back-up option. **DL** has spoken to Reserve about supplying the alcohol again.

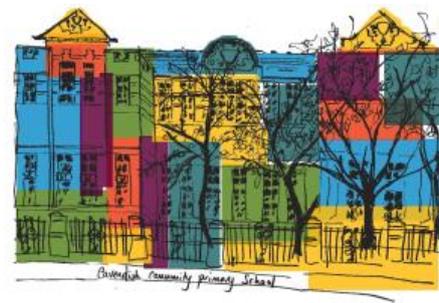
Lorna Cook agreed that her and Will would be quiz Master again

**Disco** – Traditionally we have done a Valentines Disco. This didn't happen last year as we did a spooky disco in place of missing bonfire night. Agreed that there were enough events this term but could possibly do a summer disco as the dinner hall has black out blinds.

**Easy Fundraising** – This is a great way of raising money but acknowledged that there are only 90 parents signed up to the Cavendish fund (some of which are probably no longer at the school). Raising awareness is the biggest challenge. Once parents have signed up they can download a cookie to their computer that reminds them to use Easy Fund Raising when shopping on line. Agreed to push it



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via the Newsletter (with a clickable link for the electronic version) and through messages on Gateway. **DG**

### **5. Teachers' Requests for Funds:**

**Sarah Hookes** – requested 4 mini Ipads for the Special Education department. There are Ipads in school but when used by this department it means there are insufficient for a whole class and thus the balance can't be used at the same time.

**Requested £800 but school may get cheaper**

**Rachel Marsden** – Year 2 would like to take the year to the Yorkshire Sculpture Park for an art project. The cost is to cover coaches and Parking. Could ask for parental donation but they have other activities planned that will require a donation so would like to be able to fund the whole trip.

**Requested £810**

Rachel Myers – Nursey would like to create a larger den for children to read books in. They have found a wooden tent with bookshelves that they would like.

**Requested £289.95**

**Alison Cole** – Special Educational Needs are short of resources to be able to help multiple children across different sites of the school from years 2-6.

**Requested £860**

**Total request total £2,623.95.**

### **Agree to Fund the following:**

SEN Mini Ipads - £800

Year 2 trip to Sculpture Park - £810

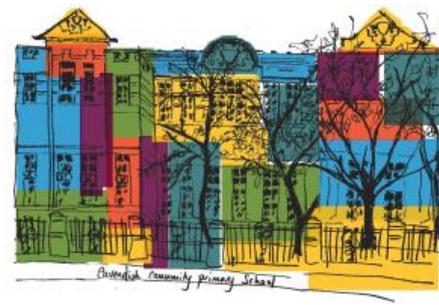
Nursery Tent - £289.95

SEN Resources - £860

**Cavendish PTA have agreed to donate a total of £2,759.95 to the school to fund the above projects.**



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## 6. AOB

**Child Safety** – The Council meeting was back in November, signs are meant to be in production and going up very soon. Parents can use the Metropolitan carpark, discussions still happening about the hospital carpark. School has instigated Park and Stride scheme to try and encourage parents to park further away and walk.

**Notice Boards** – mentioned at last meeting about PTA noticeboard falling apart and non-useable. Agreed that the noticeboard by Reception was more prominent and therefore the other not needed. Look to see if we can also use part of the main board by the main office.

**Kiln** – It is in, just waiting for some checks before it can be used but sculpture club looking to be back after half term.

**Co-op Project** – Co-op running a fund raiser for local causes to be voted on by the Co-op members of West Didsbury. We have put forward for some reading dens for the school playground. The process is currently unclear but we are hopeful that we will be one of the final 3 selected and then will advise on the voting system.

## 7. Date of Next Meeting: Wednesday 15th March

It was suggested that maybe we should hold it at an alternative venue (Wine and Wallop, One Lounge, Folk etc) to encourage more parents to come and get involved. TBC.