



NORTH NEWTON COMMUNITY PRIMARY SCHOOL

PTFA MINUTES

***Date:** Wednesday 17th January 2018 **Time:** 7pm **Location:** North Newton School*

In Attendance: Rachel Grant (Vice Chair), Morni Gauld (Secretary), Kathryn Long (Treasurer), Nick Arnold (Headteacher), Sarah Bult, Nicky Contreras, Helen Hunter, Abby Taylor.

Apologies: Lee Jones (Chair), Kirie Simmonds.

In the absence of The Chair, the Vice Chair opened the meeting at 7pm and the Minutes of the previous meeting were discussed and approved.

MATTERS ARISING:

None.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

INCOME:

Buy & Sell	Christmas Fayre (total)	Pumpkin Sales	Old Pound Coins	Tote Bags (total)
£5.00	£2,582.32 (incl. Raffle: £789.20 Xmas Trees:£165)	£40.13	£60	£256.85

EXPENDITURE:

Minibus	Miscellaneous	Easter Gifts	Squirrels & Badgers Trip	Competition Prizes	Sweets for Trips	Foxes Xmas Gifts	Xmas Party Drinks	May Fayre	PTFA Assoc. Membership
£7,950	£24.50	£18.35	£162.00	£6.00	£15.41	£55.72	£9.20	£20.00	£65.00

The current a/c balance (as of 17th Jan'18) is £4,278.47

Current cash held: £119.65

HEADTEACHER'S REPORT:

Happy New Year!

Thank You for all we have achieved over the last 12 months!

Since AGM - Incredible amount of quality work, ideas and dedication, which has seen our PTFA develop into another wonderful aspect of our 'Good' school! Since the AGM, a new lease of energy and increased level of interest is evidently positive - more people taking part in competitions, giving ideas and helping. Our team has continued to develop into an efficient association through collaborative working, all for the same reason - the children!

- * Christmas Fayre - amazing - new and fresh ideas.
- * Sing-Off - whilst cramped, was hopefully loved by all.
- * Bake-Off - well received (even though we had 1 or 2 cakes left over!)
- * Santa - Packed and successful - as was the Bus!

Funding Projects - Maths Scheme - I held £500 back this current financial year, and sincerely hope to be able to repeat this in April, as well as using some Newt Funds. Please could the PTFA fund £1,300 towards the scheme? **Unanimously agreed that the PTFA will fund the requested £1, 300 for this scheme.**

- * Power Maths - Pearson - new, with better reviews than Abacus, Heinemann and Collins
- * Jo Cronin (Maths guru for Somerset) 'this scheme would complement our teaching'.
- * Comprehensive Scheme.
- * Ongoing negotiations.
- * On all text and workbooks, label with PTFA logo on the front, to highlight who has funded them.

Play Equipment - Ongoing investigation, trying to find the best company to give the right price. I am looking into an 'Awards for All', Tesco Community Grant, or let's hope a company can help sponsor it.

Succession Planning - As we move into 2018, we must be mindful of people's intentions to step aside, so thought must be given to ensure we keep building. We need to consider the amount of work we all do on the PTFA and compare it to the funds we raise - it is not all about the funds, but we are trying to ensure our children's provision continues to improve, despite the financial cuts we all have to manage.

We should all be proud to be working within this PTFA Committee, to help the children of our school.

CHAIR'S REPORT:

In the absence of The Chair, the Vice Chair thanked the Committee, Staff, Parents and Children for all their hard work in achieving such success in 2017 and hope this would continue throughout 2018 and beyond.

FUNDRAISING:

Alphabet Competition - Discussed all the ideas that we given by the entrants, to see which we thought could potentially be used at a future date. Lots of ideas for Non Uniform Days, Fun Events and possibly parent-only events, eg. 80's disco, etc...

Non Uniform Day - Thursday 8th Feb - "Mismatch Day" - wear odd socks, odd shoes, etc...

Meeting Format - All agreed, in line with the Constitution that 'closed meetings' would be allowable from now onwards, as long as we continued to report the results of Committee meetings via PTFA Newsletter, published Minutes (school website), FB Page, Noticeboard, etc, detailing monies raised and how monies are being spent.

The AGM will, of course, remain open to all Association members to attend. The Committee also invite ideas from parents, staff, children, etc... on how else we could raise funds for the school, to help the children. Agreed that we no longer need to send an Agenda out to anyone who isn't on the 'Elected Committee'.

Christmas Fayre De-Brief - All agreed that the figures speak for the success of the event. After much discussion on change of venues, etc (which will still be considered as a potential option if necessary), it was agreed that we keep the main bulk of proceedings the same (why change it when it's working?). Agreed to similar times on a Saturday (to give Santa time to get to us from North Pole). Layout of stalls and number of traders to be discussed again.

Refreshments worked well in Village Hall. Bake-off maybe in 4 corners of the room, so separated. Record the Sing-off. Grotto great in shelter. Bus great for Jungle theme. Santa gifts were great. Try and stick to a layout plan, as much as possible. Maybe more craft stalls, with products made by the children.

Admission/Raffle tickets need to be separate tables.

Event Co-ordinators:

EVENT:	CO-ORDINATOR:
May Fayre & Christmas Fayre Volunteers Sign-Up	Kirie (Class Reps. assisting)
Easter Bingo	Morni (Sarah & Helen assisting)
Sponsored Run	Rachel (Morni assisting)
Family BBQ	Sarah (Lee & Helen assisting)
May Fayre	Kirie & Kath (Morni assisting)
Christmas Fayre Traders	Abby
Movie Night	Rachel (Nicky assisting)
Non Uniform - Mismatch	Kath (Nicky assisting)
PTFA Newsletter	Morni
Sponsorship & Donations	Kirie (all Committee assisting)
Minibus - Logos & Names	Lee

Easter Bingo - Fri 16th March. Sells tea/coffee/biscuits - maybe sweets/cakes.

Movie Night - Thurs 8th March - Hot choc/milk and popcorn.

May Fayre - Sat 12th May. 2pm - 4.15pm (approx). Same format as last year with Sword/Morris dancing after stalls close at the end. May try and tie-in theme of Royal wedding.

Newsletter Competition - At a future date, to tie-in with village phone box exhibitions, we will run a photo comp.

This month's issue:- Design a Royal Wedding card for Harry and Meghan. Selection will be chosen to send to them. A5 size.

World record - Committee to investigate if we, as a school, can try and break a world record. Discuss at next meeting.

Sponsored Run - April. Laps around the playing field. Sponsored. Tea/Coffee, etc. Medals/certs for the children.

Recycling Initiative - Eco-friendly school. Committee to investigate potential projects.

Minibus - Winning Names (as chosen by Staff/Committee/Governors) from a short list: **TOM & JERRY**

AOB:

Horticultural Society may donate pots with potatoes in for the children. Further investigations by Sarah.

A potential monthly Direct Debit scheme for parents to contribute to PTFA funds, instead of making donations at events, was again discussed.

DATE OF NEXT COMMITTEE MEETING:

WEDNESDAY 14TH MARCH 2018 @ 7PM

There being no further business, The Vice Chair closed the meeting at 9pm.