



Hoxne Parent & Teacher Association

St Edmund's Primary School & Nursery, Hoxne

Meeting held on Thursday 21st March 2024 at 3.15pm

Attendees:

Jemma Thompson (Chair),
Marine Ferrachat (Secretary)
Layla Pettit, Kristy Wills and Sheri Frearson (Parent attendees)
Holly Eaton (School Representative)

Apologies:

Charlotte Amps (Treasurer)
Simon Lea (School Representative)

Minutes:

The school approached the HPTA to ask for a donation towards the Year 6 leavers hoodies. Mrs Allmey said that the enterprise in the Autumn term has covered half the costs and they would like to ask for the remainder as a donation from the HPTA. This was agreed and will cost around £100.

There have been 26 children signed up for the Easter egg hunt on Monday 1st April already and this is positive. It was decided an extra amount of 20 bars of chocolate will be brought for any last-minute bookings and anything that isn't used can be used for other events. As well as the easter egg hunt and 'pick a square map' for the chance to win a butcher's joint, there will be refreshments available and an Easter bunny naming competition. We have had lots of donations of Easter prizes and thank you letters would be a nice idea to send to business that have helped donate.

Fliiss Thornett has come forward to help the HPTA set up a new charity number so that it is an official charity. This means we are looking for parents to become trustees or Chairperson who will meet once a year to confirm the HPTA are still an active charity (support will be given to trustees/chair and don't need to attend regular meetings with the HPTA but it may be helpful).

MAYFEST celebrations are in the planning stage and ideas for stall activities were discussed including lucky, dip, marble game, guess the weight of a cake, treasure map, facepainting, glitter tattoos, guess the sweets in a jar, name the teddy, welly toss and tombola. If parents have anything they can donate for the event including games, please contact Jemma. We would like to invite the Year 6 and Year 5 pupils and families to help manage the stall for 1hour slots and show the village the school's support.

HPTA have contacted The Regent in Ipswich to provisionally book St Edmunds pupils to join the panto at Christmas time in December 2024. A discussion was had as to whether the school think the nursery pupils could sit through a

3hour production or if these nursery pupils could have a different activity/experience in school instead such as drama tots or if the school would need to close to nursery for the day for staff to be on hand for R-Yr6 pupils.

A discussion was had about a year 6 leavers event. This is usually not financed by the HPTA and is done by parents of year 6 pupils outside of school and is not organised by the HPTA or school. Kristy has discussed about hiring the school hall or pavilion and having a disco. More information will be gathered to see if this is an option. It was mentioned by Mrs Eaton that Jump warehouse offer a 'boogie bounce' session for older children but all days from May onwards this year are fully booked but may be something to consider for next year.

The Mother's day breakfast was a lovely event and great success and raised over £100. A similar event will be held for Father's Day but would be in the morning with a bacon butty and drink instead. This may be during breakfast club if this is viable or will be at the very start of the school day.

Looking ahead at the summer term and the KS2 performance, the HPTA will hold a raffle similar to last year with books to go home to parents and prizes to be won. We have had lots of donations already for this which is a great start. The HPTA have asked if the school could ask the cook to support with catering and asked what she would be happy to offer and there will be a selection of soft drinks and Pimm's available on the night.

The next meeting will be held on Thursday 25th April at 3.30pm at the playing field/park.

Actions:

MF – Thank you letter to go to business who have given a donation for the Easter event and Summer Raffle.

SF – Compose letter for Rowan class parents to invite to help at MAYFEST in Hoxne village.

SF – Book minibus for Panto.

HE – Ask Shirley to cater for Father's day breakfast and Summer Production.

KW – Look into Year 6 leavers event possibilities.

Appeal to parents to become trustees/chair for the HPTA.

If you have any questions or would like to support the HPTA or join the whatsApp group please contact: Jemma Thompson, Jemma732@yahoo.co.uk, 07809759106