

Minutes from the PFA Zoom meeting, St Alban's Catholic Primary School

15th June 2020.

In attendance: Jane Burke (Chair), Irenka Lennon (Secretary), Sacha Watson (KS2 playground project lead), Anja Irwin, Susan Melican, Amy Shayle, Eleanor Fung, Teeba Lundy, Patricia Carvill.

Apologies: Mr McCrossan, Angela Bennett, Carolina Stannard.

Funds

- We are reasonably okay for funds and will soon be sending a cheque of £4500 to the school.
- We have the option of doing a subtle push on Easyfundraising to bridge our little money gap. However, we shouldn't worry if we can't manage this. Our emergency reserve contains a few thousand pounds and this is definitely an emergency.

St Alban's Day and Global Day

- In place of the usual celebrations in school on 22nd June, year reps will arrange for as many children as possible to share photos of themselves in national costume or baking national dishes, and will make these into collages. Jane will email year reps with a draft text for families to receive tomorrow.

New starters and leavers

- We need to welcome reception families and say good bye to year 6. Jane has emailed Mrs Muir and Mrs Paul about arrangements. Although it is very sad that Year 6 are missing out on their usual farewell activities, they are still making a yearbook and having hoodies. Mr McCrossan hopes there will be some sort of celebration.
- Mr McCrossan has arranged a Zoom meeting for all new reception families. Jane will introduce herself and the PFA at this.

Quiz night

- Help is needed with this. The idea is to get families to do this in their own time, within a fixed time window. We will ask for a donation of £10 per family. Jane asked Mrs Muir about teachers reading rounds but is unsure about how to set this up technically.

End of year gifts

- A special thank you is needed for Mr McCrossan for his amazing work over the past few months. This will be from the whole school community, rather than each class giving him a gift.
- It may be possible to nominate Mr McCrossan for some kind of headteacher award or formal recognition. Jane will e-mail the governors, to potentially co-ordinate efforts.
- Anja, Susan and Jane will put our heads together about end of year class gifts to teachers and central staff. (Sacha has Year 6 covered.)

- Post-meeting note: PFA members expressed some strong and contrasting views on arrangements for end-of-year gifts. It was requested that we re-visit this issue at a future PFA meeting well in advance of the next end-of-year.

Central PFA ideas

- We are all happy not to do any of the other central PFA ideas, as they are not quite right for our school.

Benevolence fund

- We need to keep mentioning the benevolent fund, if appropriate, anywhere where it may help. It currently contains around £800.