

# **Great Missenden School** **Minutes of the PTA AGM**

**Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> September 2016**

**Attendees:** Katharine Tompson; Anita Leslie; Luke Taylor; Kevin Hoy; Caroline Boss; Roz Thomson; Emily Glover; Hannah Barrett; Lisa Harrison; Caroline McDonald; plus many other parents of the school

**Apologies:** Nic Smedley; Matt Boss

Roz Thomson opened the meeting by welcoming everyone. She thanked those who arrived early to look at the plans for the building work and hoped that everyone had their questions answered. Roz asked that everyone fills in the forms (at the door on the night and thereafter available at the school office) in support of the planning proposals for the new drop-off zone.

Roz introduced Anita Leslie, one of the new co-Chairs of the PTA and asked that everyone supports the PTA. She reiterated that everyone who has a child at the school is a member of the PTA and meetings are open and friendly, she then handed over to Anita.

Anita introduced Katharine Tompson, co-Chair, and Luke Taylor, Treasurer. Her other co-Chair Nic Smedley, could not attend the meeting due to illness. She then thanked everyone who had contributed last year to the PTA by attending or helping to organise various events, and went on to give an overview of the things which have been purchased by the school using money raised by the PTA over the past few years, including:

- Playground Pavillions and goal posts
- Improved internet connection
- Learning pads
- Hats and leavers' books for Year 6
- The café where the children eat lunch
- The pirate ship play structure in the key stage 1 playground

Given that all parents belong to the PTA, Anita asked for every adult with a child in school to pledge 30 minutes of their time, at some point during the school year. If every child had someone who on their behalf would give that time, then the PTA could accomplish so much more.

Anita went on to outline the PTA structure, the three co-Chairs who have been working together since March. Communications consist of PTA meetings, newsletters sent by email and through social media on our Facebook page. Fundraising is achieved through 10 events across the year which equates to one event in every month that the children are in school. Last year these events totalled £20k raised for the school. Anita then passed to Luke Taylor, co-treasurer. Luke announced that last year we managed a total investment in the school of £35,000, using the surplus from the previous year. This money was spent on lighting, learning pads for the whole

of year 6, wireless internet and the new KS1 playground, which was part funded by a lottery grant.

The key fundraiser is the fireworks night which raised over £9k, then the summer fete at £6k, and the 2 discos raised £2k between them.

Anita went on to explain about the year ahead. The fundraising focus for this year is for the Trim Trail on the key stage 2 playground.

- We start the autumn term with a bingo afternoon on Monday 10<sup>th</sup> October at 3.15pm for all children. They pay on the door and there will be refreshments available for them to buy
- Then there is the fireworks night, on 5<sup>th</sup> November which is a major community event. We expect 2000 people to attend and the fireworks display is put on by a professional fireworks company. There will be fair and food stalls and it promises to be a wonderful evening. Tickets will be going on sale in a couple of weeks, there will be an early bird discount and if anyone would like to get involved and help with the event, they should contact Matt Boss who is the lead organiser
- We have a partnership with a Christmas card company who print the children's designs for parents to purchase
- A school disco on the 15<sup>th</sup> December
- We have also secured tickets to the pantomime at Aylesbury Waterside theatre; there are 100 seats available to purchase, for 10<sup>th</sup>/21<sup>st</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup> December, at discounted prices

Anita then spoke about the committee positions. All the current committee are happy to remain in position and she asked if anyone in the room objected, or wished to put someone else forward. There were no objections so the current committee members are duly re-elected.

Finally, Anita asked the room: What can you do?

- Go to the PTA Facebook page and 'like' us – spread the word to friends and family
- Register for EasyFundraising, over 3000 retailers will donate money directly to the school every time you shop (fliers were on chairs for this but information can be obtained from the school or PTA)
- Please donate 30 minutes of your time to volunteer for something, at some point during the school year
- Help us with prizes for raffles and 'auction of promises'. If you have connections to restaurants, services, shops etc. and can donate something which could be auctioned or put in a raffle, it would be an enormous help
- Join the committee, come to meetings, share your opinions and ideas
- If you have any ideas for new events we could run, please come and talk to us

There were no questions so Anita handed back to Roz who thanked the PTA and closed the meeting.

Date of next meeting – Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> October 2016, 7.30pm

Venue – School staff room