

AGM minutes

Thursday 3rd November 2022, 8:00pm

Held in the School Hall, Chenies

Committee: Tejesh Ghag, Hollie Docwra, Kirsty Dagarvel-Hewitt, Clare Roz, Kate Rab

Apologies: Katy Williams

Present: Suzanne Powell, Bal Sahotay, Jelena Wittingham, Rachel Wilson, Ruth Sowden, Laura Silverstone, Anshu Rai, Martin Lea, Scott Coleman, Francesca Putt, Charlotte Denton, Lucy Hamill

Minutes from the last meeting

These can be found on the school website or on Classlist under the “PTA meeting” event page.

Matters Arising

Committee Changes

A number of committee changes took place including the stepping down of Kate Rab, Katy Williams, Hollie Docwra and Tejesh Ghag. HD will continue to carry out all planned events until the end of 2022 at which point we still need to vote in a new Chair or Co-Chairs – we are still looking for a volunteer to fill this role.

Attendees voted in Ruth Sowden as Co-Treasurer and Laura Silverstone as Co-Secretary.

Attendees voted to approve an updated constitution which is available on request for anyone who wishes to see it.

Alongside the Chair vacancy, other ways of assisting the committee were also discussed including:

- “Grants champion” - actively searching for local/community grants which we might be eligible for and seeing through applications of these.
- “Uniform Lead” taking ownership of second-hand uniform and redistributing. All second-hand uniform should be posted on the Classlist marketplace for re-sale/donating BEFORE passing onto the PTA for second hand uniform sales. Thank you.

Making local connections/building relationships:

It was discussed that fundraising from the wider community goes hand in hand with raising Chenies’ profile and thus a flyer has been designed, printed and distributed to local nurseries in advance of their January school applications to assist in maximising uptake. If you have somewhere beneficial that these can be distributed then please let us know.

HD explained that we have been in touch with Chenies Village Society and they suggested we assist in the care of raise flower beds on the green in their quest to gain Chenies the title of Best Kept Village. They are happy to promote our events to the local community which has proved successful with regards to the wreath workshop.

HD informed attendees that we have now become members of Little Chalfont Community Association in order to tap into their emails and contribute to their 6 monthly newsletter. Chorleywood Village Day is also planned for 8th July 2023 if we want to have a presence there.

HD mentioned that we are waiting to hear back from Chenies Manor with regards to whether they’ll allow us to have a banner on the main road. HD will update when she hears more.

Classlist update

93 active members. Classlist still proving to be an effective way of taking pressure off the class reps and keeping everyone in the loop. If any class reps know of children leaving or joining their classes, please can you assist in deactivating profiles or ensuring people log onto Classlist.

Please use the Classlist marketplace function for second-hand uniform (and anything else related to school-based activities).

Finance Update

Run down on figures:

£11,576 main bank account total

£1,234 vouchers (cash flow) account

Grand total = £12,810

School's recent spends include:

- 15 ipads and laptops for use in classrooms
- Children's prizes £100

Items on the school wish list include:

- Replacement of old items in the rear playground
- Outdoor music room/shed with power
- Staging (hopefully purchased prior to school Xmas performances)

Voucher Scheme Update

If you would like one off Christmas vouchers or to set up a monthly direct debit for John Lewis/Tescos etc, please contact Anshu and she will arrange this for you. We're very lucky to have this facility and Chenies gets 4% back which makes a big difference to us, so it's important as many of us as possible are using this method.

Recent events

Cake sale – £102

Donut day – £67.55

Quiz night – £250

Marathon sponsorship – £38

Non-uniform day – £96

Tuck shops – £53 on average per tuck shop

Halloween film club – £150

Halloween disco - £346

Upcoming events:

4th Nov – Tuck shop

11th Nov – donut day

18th Nov – Pyjama night film club – Minions Rise of Gru

25th Nov – World Cup themes cake sale

Circa 28th Nov – Christmas Tree Farm flyers to be distributed and tree raffled

1st Dec – Wreath making workshop (32 signed up, only 12 of whom are parents of the school) – discussion around where to source conifers, suggestions appreciated.

1st Dec – non-uniform day in exchange for bottle or chocolate donations for tombolas

2nd Dec – Christmas fayre – each class to provide hamper contents and a volunteer rota will soon be circulating. Volunteers needed to man stalls. Stalls include: Jazzy jars, bottle tombola, chocolate tombola, Christmas craft, hot dogs, coffee van, Santa's grotto, biscuit/cake decorating, lucky dip, coin tree, raffle, Christmas gifts. If you are unable to make it to the Fair, we will be issuing ideas of how else you might like to contribute.

15th Dec – PTA meeting (tentative)

16th Dec – Christmas film club – film tbc

2023 – school tea towel/ colour run / partnership with Sarratt PTA for duck race. Continuing to look into whether chickens are a viable school pet.

A polite reminder that we work hard to pack the diary with fun opportunities for our children but we cannot continue to provide these if they are not well attended or sufficiently manned.

AOB

SP thanked everyone for their attendance and the committee members who are leaving and stepping up into their new roles.