

PTA Meeting
Thursday 10th March 2022, 7:30pm
Held at the Metropolitan and virtually

Committee: Tejesh Ghag, Hollie Docwra, Clare Rozwadowski

Apologies: Katy Williams, Kate Rab

Present: Kirsty Hewitt, Laura Silverstone, Ruth Sowden, Suzanne Powell, Anshu Rai

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 Trustee departures

Catherine Crouch and Kabir Rab have decided to step down from the Committee, we’d like to thank them for all their hard work and support. Thus we are actively searching for new committee members to join us. If you are interested in either a Trustee or Secretary role, please email pta@chenies.bucks.sch.uk and we can provide more information as to what the roles entail.

How can you help? We are looking for people who can contribute to the following:

- Writing the PTA meeting minutes (once every 6 weeks – equates to 6 times a year).
- Actively searching for donations – raffle prizes etc from local companies (either in person or via letter – happy to provide a standard template so get in touch if you can help)
- Help out at events
- Sort out the PTA room uniform and bring the room to order
- Help with carnival in any capacity
- Assist in creating a Chenies ‘Little Black Book’ of what parents do for work and how this might be able to help us with events/donations/fundraising activities.

If you can assist with any of these tasks, please let us know: pta@chenies.bucks.sch.uk

Classlist update

We have 71 active members. In general, those present at the meeting reflected that they are really happy using this network to communicate. It’s simple to book events etc. Anshu made a great suggestion to include a ‘Voluntary Donation’ page on Classlist for those who wish to donate but can’t necessarily attend the events. This will be actioned shortly.

Second hand Uniform

At the last meeting, Mrs Sahotay confirmed that we can get all the uniform stock out for sale when the summer Reception inductions take place as there are a lot of smaller sizes available. School to keep us in the loop on the induction dates so we can offer uniform by donation. Scaffolding at school is now down so we can access PTA room to have a sort out.

Finance Update

Run down on figures:

£10,438 healthy bank account total

£615 vouchers account

£703 online payments

School's recent spends include:

- Christmas Dance Workshop £349
- Christmas Craft £91.35
- Anglo Saxon Workshop £495
- Maya workshop £395
- Tuff tray stands £135.57
- Wooden blocks (muddy faces) £220.45
- Football table £540.83
- Football kits
- Piano tuning
- Jubilee gifts

Items on the school wish list include:

- Basketball hoop with backboard - £100
- National Gallery print picture - £40
- More ipads
- Loose play parts shed - £3,000
- Replacement of old items in the rear playground

Book stands, ipad cases etc will be purchased in the new financial year once the purchase order books open again.

Voucher Scheme Update

Possibility of a doing a little promo video to inform people how it works.

Documentation which is supplied at inductions needs to be reviewed. People don't seem to know about the scheme.

Suggestion of issuing a flyer in book bags with an explanation.

Bottle/chocolate incentive offered to those who join the scheme.

If you'd like to find out more please email: pta@chenies.bucks.sch.uk

Schools of Chesham Carnival update

Carnival is a good fun family day out which raises a great total for the school. Children get to ride on a lorry float in costume, waving at the crowds. The event will run on Saturday 11th June and our float theme is Chalk Streams. The children have been studying this in school and will be making willow fish in class. We are looking to host some workshops in May, both during and after school to make

costumes and decorations for the float. If this sounds like something you could help with, please email: pta@chenies.bucks.sch.uk

There is a carnival questionnaire in circulation. Currently only 10 people have filled out the google form to register their interest so far but it's vital to fill this out if you are interested to take part – we cannot run the event successfully with the help of both parents and children.

Recent events

It was unfortunate that we had to postpone the Smarties Challenge and Break the Rules Day due to the storms, however: Tuck shops, Valentine's Disco, Film Club, Dress the Head altogether raised in excess of £700. We also received a cheque for £22 from My Nametags after parents nominated Chenies at checkout. We would look to do this again in the Summer (possibly with an alternative provider and communication to parents will commence sooner).

Update of Planned events – Spring Term

Friday 11th March – film club to run today

Friday 18th March – rescheduled quiz night therefore the previously planned cake sale has been cancelled. Please book your places now!

Friday 25th March – Mother's Day gifts – open for booking on Classlist

Friday 1st April – Burger Bingo – booking to open shortly, see the Classlist page for more info

Thursday 7th April – Own clothes day in return for bring a bottle or chocolate to the Easter fundraiser

Friday 8th April – 13:30 – 15:30 Easter fundraiser – please save the date and keep the afternoon free to attend! We have some egg-citing things planned!

Proposal of events for Summer

Dates for the following will be confirmed soon and uploaded to the Classlist event page so keep a check out on there for what's coming up!

Duckfest – date tbc. Would you like to sponsor this fun family event? Contact: pta@chenies.bucks.sch.uk

Sponsored read, with a prize for the most books read.

Tuck shop Fridays

Ice Cream Fridays

Friday Fitness Fun – 2 sessions with qualified PT on hand to conduct a bootcamp/circuit style fitness session for the children, to include ice lolly post workout.

May half term – Smarties Challenge

Tuesday 7th June – Jubilee Bake Off – Bring in your creations to be judged (small winners prize) and then sold at the end of day cake sale.

10th June – Carnival Prep day, helpers required

11th June – Chesham Carnival

Fri 17th June – Father's Day gifts



***We are looking for a camping location. Requirements are a flat field with access to a water supply, away from a main road and consumption of alcohol permitted. If you know of anywhere suitable, please let us know: pta@chenies.bucks.sch.uk

AOB

To do: update constitution

Date for the next PTA meeting. Thursday 5th May