

PTA Meeting Minutes
Tuesday 5th July 2022, 7:30pm
Held at the Bedford Arms and virtually

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

Apologies: Katy Williams

Present:, Laura Silverstone, Suzanne Powell, Bal Sahotay, Ruth Sowden, Jo Whale

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

Hollie will be stepping down as Co-Chair at the next AGM in November. We are therefore looking for someone who can step up for the role. If you think you can help make a difference, please consider volunteering some of your time to the PTA, we cannot continue without everyone pulling together in a team effort!

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

- Looking for someone to become “**Grants champion**”. Their sole role will be actively searching for local/community grants which we might be eligible for and applying on email. A great task which you can do from home in the evenings when you have a spare hour. If you think you can help, please let us know!
- Looking for someone to become “**Marketing and Promotions**” coordinator. Fundraising from the wider community goes hand in hand with raising our profile, so we’d love for every parent to be promoting Chenies to their friends/family/across social media and by word of mouth. Please shout about us to put us on the map!

We discussed the possibility of resurfacing the school turning circle before it becomes unusable. This in fact belongs to the manor so HD will follow up with them directly to this regard and see if there is any suitable grant entitlement.

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

New intake presentation - went well. We provided tea and coffee and managed to chat with the parents before they took the second-hand uniform they required – helping us raise £60.

Classlist update

We have 81 active members. 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? We will soon be amending to move all classes up a year so this will be reflected in the app over the summer.

We have also created a new group “September 2022 Starters” – if you have a sibling starting in September, please feel free to join this group on Classlist so you can get to know each other a little in advance of the children starting.

TG to edit 'Voluntary Donation' page on Classlist so it doesn't refer to loose parts play shed which has now been purchased. Instead, we are now requesting voluntary donations towards some new staging for the school which will replace the current staging.

Dates for the remainder of term:

Friday 8th July – Fitness Fun

Friday 15th July will be a non-uniform (Tropical) day, the raffle will be drawn after school, as well as tuck shop/ice cream selling. Please come along to the hall after school to find out the winners – we hope to all be wrapped up by 4pm with the announcement and tuck shop.

The PTA will cover tea and coffee duty at the KS2 production on 13th and 14th July at 7pm. Between Katy Williams, Kate Rab, Laura Silverstone, Tejesh Ghag and Clare Roz who will be in attendance on one of the days to help out.

We are using Stikins for labels this year. 30% commission upon entering our school code **4140** at checkout. Please use this company where possible.

Sponsored read over the summer. Challenge yourself to read as many books as possible in interesting places, ask friends and family to sponsor you and bring the photos in of the most unusual places you have read at the beginning of next term. Ideas of reading locations: on a boat, under your bed, on a beach, on an aeroplane, in the countryside – get creative, have fun, enjoy reading and ask for sponsorship!

There will be a small prize for the person who brings in the most unusual photo of their reading location.

Finance Update

Since January, we have raised over £2,000

Run down on figures:

£9,484.28 main bank account total

£465.24 vouchers account

£2026.20 online payments

School's recent spends include:

- Football kits
- Piano tuning
- Jubilee gifts
- Loose play parts shed

Items on the school wish list include:

- Basketball hoop with backboard
- More ipads
- Replacement of old items in the rear playground
- Outdoor music room/shed with power

Voucher Scheme Update

Kate will be stepping down. Kirsty, Anshu and Hollie are aware of how the vouchers work and if nobody else steps forward, will do a phased take over between them come the Autumn term.

Leaflets about the scheme will go out in book bags at the beginning of next term to encourage new joiners.

If you'd like to find out more, we'd love to help sign you up to the scheme - please email:
pta@chenies.bucks.sch.uk

Carnival de-brief

Schools of Chesham Carnival went well and we secured first place in the floats – well done to everyone involved as it was a real team effort and a special thank you to Arthur's dad for transporting some of the equipment on the day. We would really like to have music on the float next year and plan to work with Clarkes to achieve this if we remain in the lorry category. Walking float is also still a consideration. We are looking for someone to take the lead on attending the meetings on the run up to carnival next year (without which we will not be able to participate)!

Recent events

Father's Day Gifts - £130

Smarties Challenge - £150

Uniform - £60

Jubilee Bake Off - £50

Tuck shop/ice creams - £50 a time approx

Summer raffle – approx. £250 and counting. If you haven't yet bought some tickets, there's still time!

Proposal of events for Winter term

As of next term, we will be taking a different approach to some of our events. Each class will be delegated an event to run, enabling more parents to get involved in our community. Class reps will assist in pulling together a team for their classes. Some ideas on the agenda:

Quiz night will be returning with a bang next term!

We will run some film clubs including a special Christmas one of course!

Halloween disco is on the schedule!

Tuck shops, cake sales, donut day, non-uniform days will be taking place.

The well-received wreath workshop and Christmas fayre with raffle will remain in place.

We will also do Xmas cards/mugs design etc and are looking into a school tea towel as it's been a while since the last one!

We discussed the idea of a Christmas concert at the church but decided it would be better to host carols on the green and invite the community. HD to follow up with the Chair of the village society and the parish council for approval.

Dates will be uploaded to the Classlist event page so keep a check out on there for what's coming up and add it to your diaries! 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.

Other ideas for 2023 – colour run? Partner with Sarratt PTA for duck race and split the profits?

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Update constitution in advance of AGM