

**Notes from the Cockwood School Parents and Friends Association meeting on
22nd January 2014 at 3.40pm**

Present – Beck Tallamy (Chair), Brigitte Hawkins (Treasurer), Mellony Kirby, Michelle Lott, Sue Jago, Nicola Rose, Gaynor Andrews, Adele Jeffs, Joy Taylor .

Apologies – Toni Smith, Lorraine Curry

Previous Minutes

The minutes from the previous meeting were approved

Treasurer's Report

We currently have £4113.00 in available funds.

Spending to date includes £250.00 Puppet Theatre, £280 Forrest Schools, £264 Tank Museum visit Class 1 and £2000.00 to purchase additional IPADS/Laptops.

It was agreed to donate £320.00 towards the cost of swimming and transport for Class 1 and Class 2 and further funds for the school to purchase 4 more IPADS.

The Christmas Fayre and Raffle raised £600.00, £211.00 was collected at the Christmas Performance and a further donation of £30.00 was made by Ian Birdsey from DVD sales.

Chair's Thoughts for the Coming Year

Beck thanked everyone for their help and enthusiasm and thanked Sue Jago for all of her admin support. She hoped to raise the profile of the PFA, possibly offer a parent survey with a prize draw, and would like to try and have one parent from each year group on the committee.

Beck will look into buying buckets/collection jars in order to collect donations in various pubs/establishments for the school (the charity status of the PFA would allow this).

A competition for the children to design a logo will be launched soon.

The PFA now have access to the school website and this will be used to again raise the profile of the PFA and keep parents up to date.

Forthcoming Events

Family Quiz Night will take place on Friday 7th February at St Marys Village Hall. Chris Ham is kindly donating 33 pints of Tribute. Lager, cider and soft drinks will be available for sale on the night along with a Chilli Pot meal which will be prepared by Beck and Michelle. Nick Tallamy has kindly offered his services as 'Quiz Master'. Volunteers are needed from 5.15pm onwards – thank you.

Chocolate Bingo - St Marys Hall has been booked for 28th March.

Events Planned for Summer and Autumn Term

Summer

Ladies Pamper Night (May)

Summer Fayre (either 5th or 12th July) Beck to check the date of the Mud Fest to avoid clashing

Miniature Gardens (June/July) Joy Taylor will organise

Autumn

New parents open morning (Early September)

Halloween Disco (23rd October)

Christmas Fayre (28th November)

Recycling Collection

The PFA is to continue to look into this. Beck is to attend a Bag2School sponsored PFA event at Kenton Primary on 12th February and will feed back any info.

eBay/Pre-loved Uniform

Vanessa has been rather busy lately!!! The new bank account will be set up to allow the opening of a PayPal account. We would appreciate parents to continue to donate old uniform.

AOB

No other business was discussed

Date for next meeting – Tuesday 4 March 2014, 7.30pm at The Anchor, Cockwood

Meeting finished at 4.45 pm