

**Notes from the Cockwood School Parents and Friends Association
meeting on
10th October at 3.40pm**

Present – Clair Cambell, Mellony Kirby (joint chairs), Brigitte Hawkins, Nicola Rose, Joy Taylor, Sue Jago, Beck Tallamy, Toni Smith, Lee White, Richard Walker

Apologies - Juliet Barry, Gayner Andrews, Lorraine Curry, Adele Jeffs, Helen Scott

Finance

The PFA account stands at just over £2000.

The following requests have been made:

Mrs Murtha would like to offer the street dancing activity again for a further term. Children are asked to pay £4.50 each week and the PFA would contribute £96 towards the cost. This has been agreed.

Mrs Curry would like to buy a Fizz book trolley at a cost of £680. This will be of benefit to all the children. It was agreed to pay £500 toward the cost.

Mrs Curry would also like help towards the cost of a new software package for ICT. This software is considerably more interactive than Espresso and this package would allow children to access it at home and combine it with their homework. It was agreed to pay £400 toward the cost of this.

The CAP workshop is visiting the school again next month and costs £350. It was agreed to pay £175 towards the cost of this.

Clair has managed to get 4 tickets for the Speed ice skating show at Westpoint. The tickets are currently being auctioned; the successful bidder will be announced next Tuesday (16th).

EcoKids Collection

The total amount raised was £221.27 (slightly different to the amount announced, this was due to an error in EcoKids admin department!) We are looking to use Recycle 2 School for future collections as there have been some difficulties using EcoKids. It has been decided to have just one large collection per year, instead of two smaller ones. Clair will book for September 2013. The PFA are also looking into organising a boot sale during spring next year, to be held at Cofton Country Holiday Park.

Halloween Disco

The disco is booked for Wednesday 25th October at Cofton Country Holiday Park - tickets are on sale now. Mel has booked the DJ at a cost of £60. Many thanks to Cofton who are offering us the venue free of charge. Drinks, sweets and crisps will be on sale along with Glow sticks and flashing wands.

Christmas Fayre

Clair has been given a quote for the raffle tickets, from Swift print, @ £64.50 plus VAT, which is very similar to last year's price. Clair will organise this. The

following stalls will be at the Fayre; name the teddy, guess the number of sweets in the jar, pick a lollipop, tombola, lucky dip and bottle stall. Jane has agreed to do face painting again. Santa is booked and confirmed!!! There will also be refreshments, sweets, cakes, Christmas puddings, toys and a raffle. Clair is currently confirming with outside stalls if they are attending. Christmas puddings are on sale at the moment and orders are being taken, there is a sample pudding in the school office.

Any Other Business

The governors have asked if parents could make positive comments, concerning Cockwood School, on the parent view website. This is a vital contribution to the schools view for OFSTED and is strictly confidential. Simply go to Google and type 'parents view', then enter your email address.

Beck has received information from Abel & Cole Farmer's Choice, who provide veg boxes at very good prices. The school would receive commission on any orders placed. There will be more information available soon or alternatively please see Beck who is our 'Veg Champion'.

Unfortunately, Joy can no longer help and organise the gardening club which has been a great success. We have a large allotment in Mrs Crook's garden, which is maintained by the gardening club. If there are any parents who would be able to help on a weekly basis it would be very much appreciated. If you would like more information please see Adele Jeffs. A huge thank must go to Joy for all her help with the gardening club.

The meeting closed at 4.40pm

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday 14th November at 3.40pm.