

Parents and Friends of St Mary's School

MINUTES: MEETING HELD 5th MARCH 2010 @ THE PORTABELLO INN – 7.00PM

PRESENT: Becky Edwards, Debbie Barrett, Peter Burrows-Bryan, Helen Hulbert, Jackie Gaskin, Jane Rawlinson, Catherine Douse, Sam Elverson, Jo Coplestone

APOLOGIES: Amanda May, Sue Jenkins, Kay McLean

MINUTES OF LAST MEETING - Agreed

MATTERS ARISING:

1. **Trim Trail** – All in hand and work should be starting during Easter. Bob Fancourt/Sarah Prince already organizing press etc for the launch day.
2. **Swimming Pool** – Becky has been informed that Julie Jarman on the governors is involved with the discussions. Becky has emailed her but is awaiting an update.
3. **Bingo** – Becky thanked everyone for helping & attending. £219.60 was raised which is slightly lower than before as more prizes needed to be purchased as donations were low.

NEW ITEMS

1. **Fundraising Course** – Instow School is holding a complimentary course for all local PTA's on 17th March 6.45pm - 9.00pm to give parents & teachers new ideas on how to raise money. Becky & Debbie will attend, anyone else interested let Becky know asap.
2. **Websites** – A few money making websites were suggested at the last meeting:
 - Easy fundraising – to promote to parents who purchase goods online to go their preferred shops, through the website, as anything ordered gives the school a percentage.
 - Music Magpie – more complicated and is where old CD's/DVD's that are complete in their jackets are collected and an amount paid. If over 100 are collected they are collected free of charge.
 - Bags for schools – could be done again as raised a good amount last time.
3. **Disco** – 19th March. Usual times KS1 5.45 – 7.15 & KS2 7.30-9.00. It was decided that due to lack of help tickets would only be sold in the afternoon after school on Monday to Thursday.

Mon – Catherine/Becky

Tues – Helen

Weds – Sam
Thurs – Debbie

Helpers KS1 – Sam, Catherine, Becky, Debbie, Jane, Jo
 KS2 – Sam, Catherine, Becky, Helen, Debbie, Jane, Jo

Becky will put up a list on the board asking for further helpers & cake donations.

4. Chocolate Treasure Hunt

KS1 – 30th March

KS2 – 29th March

After much discussion & ideas Becky & Debbie will decide which they feel is the most appropriate for each group. Suggestions included photo matching, clues for chocolate bars, numbers etc.

5. Quiz Night – May 14th 8.00pm. Teams of 6 @ £15 per team. Bring own drinks & nibbles.

AOB

1. Race Night – Pete has all the details, Becky to check gambling rules in the school. Date TBA.
2. Cross country race – Some felt that the pupils of St Mary's were really scruffy compared to other schools competing, mainly due to the lack of regular PE kit. It was suggested that perhaps bibs could be purchased to be used at such events as pupils can be easily identified and also gives a better impression. Parents felt that the school has been lax in its enforcement of the wearing of the school uniform as well as the PE kit as many wear trainers and "sports" clothes for PE. The question was also raised as to whether the new netball hoodies are now available for all children as part of the uniform as many are wearing them? If not then it should be enforced that they should only be worn for sports.
3. It was agreed to pay approx £200 for new Huff and Puff equipment.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING: 30th April, 7.00pm @ The Last In & Last Out pub, Clovelly Road.

The meeting closed at 8.40pm.