



High Hesket School Parent Teacher Association

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Meeting date: Monday 28 September, 19:30-20:30 via Zoom.

Attendees: Jenny Little (JL), Kelly Mitchell (KM), Mark Canham (MC), Katie Shelton (KS), Claire Hewitt (CH), Karen Durden (KD), Julie Bailey (JB), Mr Andrews, Mrs Harvey.

1. The meeting was opened with the Chair's report, which reflected on the tricky and unexpected year we had. The events we did manage to run were very well attended and enjoyed by everyone who attended, particularly the Christmas fair. We were not able to run any events from March onwards which affected our year's fundraising total.

JL noted that we will need to plan ahead on a short-term basis, keeping in mind that we do not want to send out too many messages to parents and carers due to the large number of necessary messages being sent out from school. The full Chair's report can be found on the website.

2. The Treasurer's report was brief, due to issues with the banking system. The Christmas fair raised £1400 and Halloween disco £330.

In the previous year, we contributed £1000 for a new smartboard (for year two), £300 for a school-wide handwriting scheme and the buses for the Christmas pantomime and theatre trips.

3. Roles were discussed and the Chair offered all roles to everyone in attendance, all agreed to keep the roles as they are now. This means that Jenny Little remains Chair, Kelly Mitchell remains Treasurer and Claire Hewitt remains Secretary. Roles will be reviewed again at the 2021 AGM.
4. We discussed how to say thank you to Sarah and James England after their many years of service on the PTA. We agreed to think about a small gift, and Mrs Harvey agreed to ask some of the children to make a thank you card.
5. We discussed PTA events – a potential online payments solution. CH to send Mrs Harvey further information.
6. The main bulk of the meeting involved generating new fundraising ideas, given that we can't have any face to face events this year. The Halloween disco and Christmas Fair will not be able to go ahead.

KM raised the idea of Smarties tubes – children would need to complete kindness tasks (as suggested by KS) to earn 20ps which can go in the tube and be brought back after half term.

KM to look into this further (tubes will need to be delivered to school and quarantined 72hrs before being given out).

KM also discussed an idea of a monthly lottery/draw. This would allow parents/carers to pay for the year up-front or pay each month, and could raise a substantial amount of money for school. We will need a licence to do this. KM to investigate and feed back (not likely to start before half term). Mr Andrews suggested assigning a class to each month's draw – allowing them to choose the winning number.

JB raised the idea of Santa video messages, where parents/carers could pay for a personalised video. CH to look at companies that provide this service, and cost.

MC looked into the idea of Christmas cards, but we are unfortunately too late for this year. This will be an idea for next year instead.

KD suggested Lego keyrings, which could be kept as stocking fillers. KD to investigate and feed back.

We discussed tea towels, which we feel would work better as an 'end of year' idea. CH to research suppliers.

Given that the Christmas fair will not be happening, each class will still be making their Christmas crafts for parents to buy.

There is also the potential to move the Christmas fair into the spring or summer – dependent on restrictions at the time.

7. We asked school to provide a wish list of specific things we can fund raise for. Mrs Harvey mentioned a new smartboard for year four, some new KS1 reading books and funding for external providers to come and deliver session in school. Mrs H has now sent us a wish list with cost estimates.
8. We were disappointed by the low number of attendees at the meeting. We discussed how we can raise the profile of the PTA, and help better communicate the work we do. CH to produce a newsletter to go out before half term, and another for just after Christmas. This should also include a request to parents/carers regarding match funding, setting up Easy Fundraising, and something about our Facebook page. CH to look at using Instagram, and give details to Mrs Harvey.
9. Mrs Harvey thanked the PTA for their hard work and help over the previous academic year.

The meeting closed at 20:40.