**Gainsborough Primary and Nursery School**

**Parent Teacher Association**

**Registered Charity No. 116188**

**PTA Meeting: 25/3/21**

**Chair**: Natalie O’Neill

**Vice Chair:** Emma Hartley

**Teacher Rep:** Karen Spencer

**Secretary:** Helen Musker

**Attendees:**

Olwen

Ruth

**Apologies:**  none

**Minutes:**

Natalie welcomed all to the zoom meeting and explained purpose of today’s meeting was to update on our fundraising totals and a couple of new ideas such as a PTA newsletter and school medals and also starting to think of fundraising ideas for the summer term and a focus for next year.

**PTA Newsletter**

Natalie suggested the idea of a termly PTA newsletter – an opportunity to thank parents, talk about future plans and generally update. She feels it would be nice for us to have a space to show where the money is going etc. All agreed it is a good idea and we can review frequency when restrictions are lifted and we are able to do more things.

All agreed it would be really good to give people more notice of things that we are planning - advertising what’s coming next term and give warning of events /competitions. – without our ideas getting ‘lost’ on the generic school newsletter which has lots of important info on.

**Fundraising totals**

Cauliflower cards £106

Panto £214

Raffle £427

Total £1,170.49

Great amounts! All agreed that Christmas Card fundraiser needs to be done differently this year, need more time and for parents to be able to see their own child’s artwork before purchasing. We will start it earlier this year.

**Medals**

Natalie and Emma have been discussing the idea of giving something to children at the end of school year.

Initial idea was just Year 6 but now thinking whole school given current circumstances – a well done for this difficult year.

Emma shared design idea and has a friend who does that type of thing – currently waiting for quotes – they would be wooden/ laser cut. It would be given by PTA as a gift / keepsake.

We need to check that school have no similar plans – Natalie not mentioned to school yet – have been costing first.

Could possibly use rainbow ribbon – Olwen said she could sew them.

Would be nice to get sponsorship from a company to fund them. Other local schools and PTAs have done this via companies.

**Fundraising focus for next year**

We need to know (apart from books) what school needs so we can have a new focus for next academic year. Its good to be able to tell parents what we are raising money for. Karen to look into and feedback.

**Summer term fundraising ideas**

Maybe just one thing due to people’s financial circumstances after this difficult year.

Some schools have done virtual worm charming via Facebook but seemed quite complex.

Natalie mentioned idea re Krispy Kreme doughnuts, you can purchase at charity rate then sell them individually.

All members to have a think about potential ideas.

Natalie and Emma also suggested “Break the rules day” - rules such as: school uniform, tidy hair, school shoes and then pay 50p per broken rule e.g crazy hair, choc at snack, trainers. Could put separate rules / items on gateway for people to ‘purchase’. If concerned about getting pupils back ‘on track’ after this could do it on last day of term or during the last week of school.

Karen will speak to head at school.

Olwen explained that they always used to give year 6 an autograph book – maybe something for PTA to consider. Emma will look into costing cheap notebook and we could put Gainsborough logo sticker on.

Thanks given to all that attended.

**Next meeting:**

**Thursday 22nd April 4pm** (will alternate days in future)

It will be good to get feedback from school on today’s ideas so we can start getting things done, Karen will feed back to Natalie earlier than the meeting if she has updates.