

Attendees:

Catherine Bradbrook (chair), Natalie McCartney (treasurer), Ashley Thornton (secretary), Lorna Scott, Donna Turnbull, Michelle Hislop, Iona Feeney, Lola Irolca, Mel Honeyman, Emma Stirzaker-Gillespie, Debbie Anderson, James Mcgrath, Gemma Moore

Apologies:

Lynsey Rennie, Karol Joya, Stacy Robb, Laura Elderbrand, Emma Lindsay

Item	Subject	Actions
1.	Committee Members New positions: Catherine Bradbrook -Chair Natalie McCartney -Treasurer Ashley Thornton -Secretary Melanie Honeyman -Social Media	Welcome to our new members and thank you for taking on these roles. We are always looking for more volunteers for PTA, Parent Council and of course helpers for all of our arranged events. Introduction to what the PTA is, what events we have had and what we have provided for the school.
2.	Finances Current treasury balance is sitting at around £10k. We would ideally like to reduce this to around £3/4k and put the funds to good use.	Proposed use of funds: • Ipad trolley at cost of around £4k, this will allow for an ipad trolley to be in each area, allowing more access to digital learning for all classes. Ms Moore has the contact and costings for this and is happy to arrange. • Increase school trip budget to £250-300 per class. • £50 budget that was previously offered to teachers has been declined a few times, considering gifting items to each class, perhaps asking each teacher for a 'wish list'. • Sporting equipment – Ms Moore knows what we need and is happy to arrange. Post meeting Catherine was contacted by Mrs Thompson about funding a shed for the P1 area for storage. It was agreed on WhatsApp that this could go ahead.
3.	Playground Equipment	Children using and enjoying new equipment, but we are still waiting on some parts. We would like to investigate sorting the wall games, perhaps getting games like connect 4.

		We will also look in to replacing or repairing the ground paintings.
4.	Halloween Disco Monday 23 rd October 2023 P3-P5 18:15-19:30 P6-P7 19:45-21:00	P1-P2 will continue to have Halloween parties during school hours as per previous years. Discussions on a smoother run for drop off/pick up. Children lining up in house lines at entry and dispersing to class tables once inside for register & payment. Likewise releasing children to parents in classes. Entrance will still be £3 Michelle has kindly offered her staff discount at Tesco to help out with purchasing of snacks, prizes etc. Michelle is happy to organise this. Parent helpers to be confirmed but volunteers are welcome.
5.	Christmas Fayre Saturday 25 th November 2023	Last year was such a success, we'd like to do just as well if not better. Discussed potentially holding it in woodlands hall as last year got very busy and quite tight. Failing that, Mr McGrath confirmed we would be able to use the classroom areas as well as the lunch hall. Look in to having music on during fayre. Stalls – Catherine is going to draw something up to send out to parents offering stalls first. Anyone interested in a stall at the Christmas fayre should email comelyparkpta@gmail.com Stalls available for £20 plus a raffle donation. We would like to ask for tombola/raffle prize donations. Will be doing games, Santa's grotto, raffle, tombola as per last year.
6.	Proposed future events Parents fundraiser Bingo	Perhaps arrange a ceilidh/race night for after Christmas as a fundraiser. Bingo was a success last year, would be good to look in to this again.
7.	Next meeting	Arranged for Tuesday 3rd October 18:45 In school (P6/7 area)