

## WOOLACOMBE SCHOOL PTFA MEETING

11<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER 2014

**Present:** Abby Tappenden, Tanya Buck, Clare Russell, Rachel Zeale, Hayley Major, Jenni Drury, Liz Duffield, Noel McPherson, Jo Kift, Gail Holmes, Sandy Brown, Lisa Davies

**Apologies:** Helen Troth, Abbie Cope

**£7000 Challenge:** Despite some negative comments from parents and the church community, there has been a positive response already to the class £1000 challenge, with several events already taken place, including a tractor and trailer ride, pumpkin carving, yoga, table top sales and cakes sales. Well done and thanks to the organisers of those fundraisers! Over £300 has been raised, with more money still to come. Target 'thermometers' need to be in each class, so children and parents can monitor progress, as well as using the main 'thermometer' by the school entrance.

The government no longer provides additional funding via grants to schools and no money is provided for improving or extending facilities unless there is a basic need. Any money raised is mainly through targeted budgets and the support of families in previous years helping to raise money for school projects such as the MUGA, and Adventure Trail. The children at the school now are benefitting from past fundraising efforts, so we in turn need to be fundraising to benefit current and future pupils.

The original letter that went out regarding the Class Challenge did state that the money raised by the PTFA would not be for the actual building works, but more for quality resources within the building. We need to try and reiterate this further to parents by class reps - Some of whom may need to be told/ reminded!

It was suggested that we try and gain funding from the Fullabrook Community Interest Company - Hayley Major to get forms. Include in the application that the new building would benefit the local community as it could be hired out out of school hours, as well as being used for morning and afterschool clubs.

Whilst more parents attended the PTFA meeting tonight, it would be good to get more KS1 parents on board, although it was also acknowledged it would be harder to get the younger children involved in fundraising. Year 3 parents are meeting on 12/11 for a chat and coffee to decide what fundraising can be done for their class - hopefully other classes will follow suit!

Tanya has arranged for a photographer to come in and take portrait photos of children (with parental consent) on 12/11 - 33 families have taken up the offer. If parents wish to buy a CD with photos on, the cost will be £5, which goes straight to PTFA funds.

The calendar of PTFA events discussed at last meeting needs to be made available, more details to be confirmed.

27<sup>th</sup> Nov - Gift Evening

Dec - PTFA to provide something for the children, e.g. gift

Jan - Sleepover at School (KS1? - Gail to speak to teachers)

Feb - Family Disco

March - Quiz Night

- Yr 3& 4 Easter production - linked in fundraising, e.g refreshments

April - KS2 Woolacombe's Got Talent

May - Fun Run

June - Sponsored Walk/Cycle

July - Summer Celebration

### **Gift Evening**

All stalls have been sold, including extra ones that that will be at the top of the steps - the class stalls will now be along the side of the Ballroom by the pillars. Tanya has the raffle organised, Jo will organise refreshments, Gail to chase up teachers to ensure they know what they are doing, Clare and Rachel to put up posters, Rachel to put in Journal, Hayley is organising the tombola.