

**PTA Meeting**  
**17<sup>th</sup> March 2021**

**Present:** Claire Penny, Anna Everington, Caroline Barrass, Lorraine Honour, Sarah Brandon, Valerie Chua-Goh and Vicky Stock

**Apologies:** Ursula Watkins, Lauren Cox, Anita Thatcher and Emma Felce

	<b>Agenda Item</b>	<b>Actions</b>
<b>1</b>	<p><b>Fundraising</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• SB has chased DB to progress getting the PTA set up as a charity. CP will also contact DB to prompt action on this. Once this is achieved, we will be able to claim gift aid and change to using an Amazon Smile account which will give us cash back as well as Gift Aid as well as other fundraising platforms.</li> <li>• CP will raise the possibility of holding another non-uniform day on the 28<sup>th</sup> May as this is an easy way to get funds with little organisation and minimal donation from families.</li> <li>• CP will talk to Sue Calvert to check Willen are happy to proceed with this and if how it will work. It was agreed that we will stick to branded items only, Blazers, Ties and PE Kit. Once we understand if and how Willen want to proceed we can set up a sub team to manage this.</li> <li>• SB contacted the Newport Pagnell Education Trust but they only offer funding to individuals. This is really good to know and we will add this information to our PTA Newsletter (see below) to raise awareness amongst families.</li> <li>• AE has offered to collate a list of fundraising ideas, both for during and post COVID. This will include tried and tested as well as new ideas so as these are readily available as needed. If all PTA members send their ideas and any details to <a href="mailto:annaeverington@yahoo.com">annaeverington@yahoo.com</a> these can then be stored in a central location for all to access.</li> <li>• VCG has discovered a new fundraising platform called GIVEY.com which could be useful for us as there are no fees. VCG will send details.</li> </ul>	<p>SB and CP</p> <p>CP</p> <p>CP</p> <p>AE and All Members</p> <p>VCG</p>
<b>2</b>	<p><b>Update On The School Day</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Staff are delighted with how well the children have adapted to being back and following the rules. The staggered end times has helped with congestion at the end of the day and NP Campus are getting the children to line up in their form groups before entering the building which reduces congestion on the stairwells. Olney has more entrance points, so this has not been an issue.</li> <li>• The wearing of masks at all times while inside will be reviewed after the Easter Holidays in line with Government guidance.</li> <li>• The onsite testing centres worked better than expected with the volume of children having to test before their return to school. It takes a lot of manpower to run these but as it was only for a couple of weeks, the school did not need to seek extra help. Although the children are going to be testing from home next week, the test centres will stay in place, after the Easter holidays following Government guidance.</li> <li>• Staff are conscious that the current Year 7's have not properly experienced 'High School' life as it should be but with the limitations in place this could not be helped. However, they will seek creative ways to help with this going forward. Especially for the new intake of Year 7's in September 2021.</li> </ul>	

3	<p><b>PTA News</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• PTA visibility of the website – AE will liaise with Karen Bevan to get a space set up and populate with the PTA information.</li> <li>• Please can all PTA members send your introduction blurb to <a href="mailto:sazbrandon@sky.com">sazbrandon@sky.com</a> to be added to the website. Just a few lines, which campus your children go to and which year groups, why you joined the PTA etc. This needs to be done ready for the launch of the website so please can these be sent by the end of term.</li> <li>• As part of the relaunch, we are going to create a PTA Newsletter, and this will be distributed at the end of each term via Parentmail. AE and SB will create this, but all PTA members are encouraged to help populate the content. A draft will be circulated to the PTA for comment before publication. If you would also like to be involved in this, please e-mail <a href="mailto:annaeverington@yahoo.com">annaeverington@yahoo.com</a></li> <li>• We are going to set up a PTA What'sApp group to keep the momentum on certain actions, and meeting reminder etc. Please can you send your mobile number to <a href="mailto:annaeverington@yahoo.com">annaeverington@yahoo.com</a> and AE will create the group.</li> </ul>	<p>AE</p> <p>ALL</p> <p>AE, SB and All</p> <p>All</p>
4	<p><b>Department Bids</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• All departments who were awarded funds from the last bid will be asked to review the relevance and need for the items in case needs have changed. If not, they need to make their purchases by Easter. <b>If needs have changed then they need to feed back to CP so as funds can be reallocated.</b></li> <li>• As part of this review, Departments will also be asked to consider adding necessary items to the Amazon wish list where possible as this will be relaunched after the Easter holidays.</li> </ul>	<p>CP</p>
5.	<p><b>Projects:</b></p> <p>It was felt that any specific projects for the PTA to work on need to be fed down from the school to ensue that we are supporting their known needs. In the meantime, we are going to work on the above mentioned areas:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. PTA Re-launch</li> <li>2. Ongoing fundraising</li> <li>3. Department Bids</li> <li>4. Amazon Wishlist</li> </ol>	
	<p><b>AOB</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Positive feedback regarding the careers week and careers team in particular.</li> <li>• Concern over the lack of exposure the current Year 9's have had to creative and IT based subjects especially with having to choose options next week.</li> </ul>	
<p><b>Date of Next Meeting - 28<sup>th</sup> April 2021 6pm via Zoom</b></p>		