

# PTA Meeting: 21st November, 2017

## 7pm, The Gillygate Pub



## Attendees

Janet Jacobi (JJ), Mark Allison (MA), Siona Mackelworth (SM), Claire Hollis (CH), Clare Palmer (CP), Alex Gilbert (AG), Gary Stoner (GS), Will Gardener (WG)

## Apologies

Jo Sawyer, John Cotton, Rebecca Sleight

## Funding Requests

### **KS2 Roman theme Day: Friday, 24th November.**

York Museum + Additional Room  
Roman Baths Museum  
York Minster Undercroft

**Total cost:** £400 + £42 for the hire of St Olave's Church Hall.

Volunteers will be paid for within the agreed Adult:Child Ratio. Extra volunteers on the day will need to be paid for. AG reminded that using YMT cards will lower costs, where possible.

### **Replacement Music/Speaker system**

WG and GS suggested replacing the existing system with equipment that is more portable and with correct ports compatible with other equipment.

**Total cost:** to be researched by WG and GS. Will feed back at next meeting with further info.

### **Lego resources**

CH mentioned that Lego Minifigs sell batches of lego at competitive prices to PTA groups and suchlike to enable schools to set up specific Lego clubs. GS suggested using the new benches in the Urban Buzz garden as a good place to store and use the Lego during lunchtimes as an alternative activity. CH to make contact with Lego Minifigs and ask for further details.

**Total cost suggested:** £500

# Upcoming Meetings & Events

- **Friday, 1st December: Bags to School event**
- **Thursday, 14th December: Cake Stall**
- **Friday, 15th December: Christmas Fair**

## **Stalls**

Phoenix have confirmed their stall again. 10 further stall positions have been confirmed - stall spaces within the gym should now be filled. GS suggested that snappers and slime be banned this year - it is too messy and time-consuming to clear up. (MA) to email stall holders and confirm this.

CH has spoken with Minifigs Lego who are going to attend this year. He will bring a batch of lego for children to choose from - they can fill a small pot or a large pot. He will also bring minifigures to build and buy. He anticipates that everything will be between £2 and £5 and is really looking forward to it.

## **Santa's Grotto**

CP has been in contact with Stockeld Park and has arranged to collect their leftover grotto presents for us to use. They are wrapped in Stockeld-branded paper so will need to be re-wrapped. She is going to ask whether they could donate a family ticket as a tombold prize. Bill the Santa is confirmed. A present will need to be arranged - JJ to source.

Lightshow is confirmed - Gadg is sorting it all out and it will be upstairs, like last year.

SM mentioned there are 20-30 books left over from last year's event. She is not sure how gender neutral these books are. Group agreed that approx 270+ presents will be needed and that there needs to be distinction between age groups to enable presents to be as appropriate as possible.

Discussion as to where to put the grotto - last year it was next to Class 7 but GS and WG suggested it be moved to the corner next to the library to enable sufficient space for presents and queuing. To be confirmed.

CP to look at the grotto decoration and augment as necessary. GS suggested that christmas decorations from the grotto be borrowed for the Christmas lunch and then returned to the PTA cupboard afterwards.

## **Bollywood Dancing**

To lead the instruction, SM suggested a friend who used to teach Sri Lankan dancing to a very high level. MA to make contact with him to ask. Possible alternatives are Door 84 and York Danceworks, who do Hen parties and other less formal sessions. SM will make contact with both these organisations.

## **Free Crafts**

Door 84 are confirmed - they will be offering free crafts in the hall

## **Extras for the Hall**

JC to co-ordinate curry/daal, Bindis, Beauty and Glitter. GS and SM raised concerns about leftover alcohol being picked up and consumed by children. Everyone agreed that any unattended drinks be immediately removed and binned. Volunteers on the evening are to be briefed on this too. so that everyone is aware.

### **Bollywood Dancing Staging**

James Palmer to arrange and build. CP to dress with sari materials, pom poms and possibly some paper lanterns. JJ will ask Miss Savoia if she can make these with the children. WG and GS to arrange mobile speakers in the hall for the children's singing.

### **Donations**

CH to email local supermarkets to see if they could donate any items.

## **Other Events**

### **Grovestock: 14th July (date can now be confirmed).**

WG mentioned that Total Sports hire inflatable equipment for a donation as well as go karts and other outdoor activities. WG will get in touch with them to book the inflatables and enquire about additional activities.

JJ confirmed that the donkeys have been successfully booked for the event.

Camping: this was a great success this year and there is interest in doing it again. MA to speak with JS with regard to checking about local residents' wishes/concerns etc.

GS and MA confirmed that the marquee is complete and fit for purpose again. They suggested it would be beneficial to have more helpers in setting it up. Discussed a later start time of 2pm to enable enough time to prepare everything without disturbing other organisations who use the site on a Saturday.

### **Speed Quiz**

JJ has emailed Alan and will update in due course.

### **Spring Disco**

Dates to be discussed with JS.

### **PTA Orchestra**

JJ Suggested Christmas performance on 22nd December in the hall. JJ to follow up.

## **AGM Minutes (24th October 2017)**

Signed off by all attendees.

## **AOB**

Possibility of sourcing some play equipment to enhance the playgrounds during lunchtime. CH to brainstorm some ideas for the next meeting.

## **Next Meeting**

Arranged for 12th December. Subsequent set-up for Christmas Fair is to take place afternoon of 15th December.

