



## Aldryngton PTA

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#### 1. Present

Graham Begg  
Peter Kemm  
Helen Grieves

Stephen Lea  
Simon Windisch  
Elaine Stewart

Avril Kiff  
Sue Beasley

#### 2. Apologies

None

### 3. Minutes of Previous Meeting

The minutes of the previous meeting dated 11<sup>th</sup> November 2009 were accepted as being correct.

PK to apply for lottery license by end of January.

PK

### 4. Christmas Fayre

The Christmas Fayre was considered a great success and was enjoyed by all. Lessons to be learnt for next year:

- Grotto was hard work to erect and dismantle. Andy is proposing to create a new “fast build” grotto for next year.
- Heather Cullinan’s comment on tidying up her classroom was noted; the room was considered to have been left in reasonable condition but we will try harder next year.
- Left over present quantities to be reviewed (especially baby presents), SB to purchase the remaining presents for next year. SB
- Consider parent rep. for PTA allocated to each classroom with responsibility of chasing parents to help at the fayre. SW to speak to Julia Marshall. SW
- Prepare list of raffle prizes
- Present stall would be good, but not a “Christmas” stall
- Advertise in pre-schools, Maiden Earley and district notice boards
- Bottle store was rather remote
- Placing tickets on teddies takes too much time
- Take care with cost of setting up stalls and prizes; Father xmas cost about right.
- Refreshments – add pizza slices and panini’s next year (Erica Augustine will help)
- Stock take of PTA garage
- Need somebody to take over wrap-a-present from Jane Edmund; SW to add request to PTA newsletter. SW
- Consider placing the general raffle at the front door with prizes behind.
- Remember to sell tickets to staff.
- Tins for float; bring them out for SL.
- Organise help to dismantle xmas tree.
- Date for this year’s fayre: Sat. 4<sup>th</sup> December 11:30am to 2pm

## 5. Treasurer's Report

The accounts prepared by SL were reviewed and accepted.

## 6. Swimming Pool

With the introduction by Wokingham of free swimming for U16 to 2011, it was considered that this year we would need to review the issues with regards encouraging parents to sign up for the PTA summer swimming sessions.

Ideas presented were:

- Reduce ticket price from current £63 to £50 or £40 by making no profit and even funding from PTA funds for one year.
- Have a trial have a go day when weather is good.
- SB to investigate lifeguarding; insurance may be an issue. SB
- HD to investigate grant. HD
- Turn down the thermostat.
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Problems:

- Parents doing duty go home if nobody is there.
- Parents do not want to do duties.
- Without the PTA use, the school would be running the pool at a loss as voluntary donations for school swimming are only 60%.

Meeting next month to be held to discuss solely the swimming pool issues and look for an appropriate solution. In the mean time, PTA committee to gauge view of pool users.

## 7. Events

a) School disco: scheduled for 11<sup>th</sup> February. Disco has been reported as being too noisy causing the children to gather in the infant's area. DJ to be instructed to turn the noise down. Justine has requested an advance of £70 for expenses – approved.

b) Bingo: scheduled for 23<sup>rd</sup> April 6:30pm for 7pm.  
Need a drinks license. PK  
Numbers to be limited to maximum of 120.

c) Circus: schedule for Friday 1<sup>st</sup> July.  
Circus arrives 11am, gates open 4:30pm, starts 6pm, ends 8pm.  
Total cost is £2100, with 600 tickets to be sold; ticket cost at last visit was £6/head.  
£50 booking fee has been paid, remainder to be paid after the event.  
SL to speak to scouts with regards the BBQ SL  
Drinks license required. PK

## 8. Longterm Objectives

### A. Garden Project

Ian Head will be holding a “gardening party” from 10am to 1pm on Sat. 20<sup>th</sup> February.  
Alternative date is 27<sup>th</sup> February. SW to suggest new date to IH.

SW

### B. Blinds

With the sun shining through the windows of Mrs Walker’s and Mrs Thorn’s classrooms, the white board cannot be seen with the existing blinds lowered.

GB

GB to purchase 1 can of black fabric spray and test on 1 blind.

For the skylights, investigate fixing normal blinds horizontally.

### C. Climbing Wall

To be located on the wall outside Mr Vachers classroom. Wall to include a spur into the grass/mud area creating a T-shape. Wall to include wooden backing panel against brickwork. Ground to be improved with fake grass or similar.

A quote from two suppliers presented by PK. Purchase of the climbing wall supplied by Climbing Wall Solutions was approved at cost of £3090 plus 2 “volumes” at £125 each. Total cost of £3340.

Andy to complete the turfing and invoice Julia direct.

Maintenance to be performed by Wokingham under existing contract.

Similar wall at Meadow Vale Primary School was viewed over the internet.

ES to discuss with staff.

ES

ES to contact Climbing Wall Solutions to discuss any outstanding questions.

ES

## 9. Funding Requests

The following specific funding requests were discussed:

### A. Red T-shirts for Sports Teams

At cost of £100. Approved subject to receipt of form.

### B. Gazebo

Approximately £650 for replacement of timber plus Andy’s overtime costs.

## 10. PTA Website

SW to ask for interest in improving website of letter to parents.

GB &

GB and PK to review.

PK

## 11. PTA Fund Raising Workshop

Not to be attended.

## 12. Next PTA Committee Meeting

Solely to discuss the pool on Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> February at 8pm.