

Minutes – 10/01/24

Matter	Feedback/Actions

1	Present: L Aldwinckle, Z Blackhall, J Howes, B Jones, Mr Thomas, Mrs Butler, M Lloyd	Apologies: Mrs Palmer, Mrs Ward
2	Minutes <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Approve and sign minutes from meeting 15/11/2023 - Done 	
3	Matters arising from meeting held on 15/11/2023 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> N/A 	
4	Treasurers Update <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Read out by ZB The bank account is now fully in our control and we are now able to pay suppliers and other invoices direct from the bank. Charity Status Update – application has been submitted and we should have a decision within one week. Total profit for the first term was £2,277.90. Current balance is £3,978.64. Parent Mail fund files will be sent to ZB on a weekly basis by MC, the school would also look at options for potentially allowing ZB access to the files. ZB has offered to sign an NDA – options still being considered. ACTION MT/ZB 	
5	Past events - To discuss feedback and profit of the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Christmas Wrap and Pizza Evening – this was well attended and was a great success. The decision was made to not offer pizza next year but to just offer nibbles. Hanukkah Competition – We have had some lovely entries which are all on display. There was 1 winner and 4 runners up. A well-received competition. Christmas Fayre – The footfall was down this year, it is thought this is partly to do with the weather and partly to do with a couple of class parties being held on the same day. However, profits for the event was up due to a re-structure of pricing on certain stalls. It was made clear that no children should be allowed in the kitchen, if children required a drink then they should be reminded to speak to their parent in the first instance and tap water would be made available. Stall Holders – Although they required some support with set up etc, the stall holders were spoken to on the day and overall their feedback was positive. We will try and secure stall holders earlier next year and we would be more selective with what was on offer. Games – The new games went down well with some nice feedback being received. A couple of stalls were a bit disappointing – ‘Break the Code’ and Elfridges didn’t do as well as expected. It was noted that the inflated balloons from the Elfridges stall were given to pre-school, however it was agreed that any PTA items being given away was to be discussed and decided by the committee as a whole. Food – The feedback regarding the food was mixed, bacon rolls and mince pies went down well but the vegan option and the pizzas did not. We decided that next year we would reduce the options of food available. Volunteers – Although we had just enough volunteers it was challenging to get people to commit. The questionnaire sent out was a good idea but people still dropped out at the last 	

	<p>minute. It was decided that we would try and canvas feedback on this. ACTION: ALL COMMITTEE</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Raffle Tickets – Paper tickets went down very well along side the option to purchase through ParentMail. It was decided that alongside the hampers we would look at offering a wider selection of prizes. • PTA Logo Competition – We have had a good response to this so far. Closing date Friday 12th January. Details of next steps to follow.
6	<p>Future events –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Music specific fundraiser – it was decided that we would do a music event to raise some funds for the purchase of 15 music stand banners displaying the school logo on them. A karaoke event was decided upon and it will take place in the school day. Mr Thomas to look at a date before Easter as to when this can be accommodated. The idea being that children look to get sponsors outside of school and each class visit the karaoke room to sing alone or with friends. ACTION: MT • Chinese New Year – It was agreed there would be a competition over the half term to celebrate Chinese New Year, children could enter by researching the animal for their year of birth, create a picture and write their name in Chinese. A prize for Upper School and Lower School. • World Book Day – Wonka Bars It was decided that we would run this event in conjunction with World Book Day on 7th March. We would sell chocolate 'Wonka Bars' and children would have the opportunity to win a golden ticket for a prize. Prizes to be decided along the lines of extra play time, hot chocolate with Mr Thomas, help in the office for an hour etc. Posters etc. to follow. • Mothers Day This year's event will be to sell tickets to invite mums/grandmothers etc into the school hall where they would be able to have 'tea and cake' with their children. Tickets will be £5.00 for one parent/child and an additional £2.50 per child. Taking place on Friday 8th March, more details to follow.
7	<p>Any Other Business</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Leap Year Time Capsule – Each year group will fill a shoe box with items that are special to them and of the current time, maybe a letter or a class picture, a small toy etc. To be decided by each Year Group. This will then be stored away and be opened by their same class on the next Leap Year. E.g. The current year 6 will compile their box to be opened by Year 6 on the next Leap Year in 2028. • Late Club Fee Clarification It was agreed by Mr Thomas that parents attending the monthly PTA meetings can utilise Late Club free of charge for one hour to encourage more parents to attend. • Whole School Trip/In-School Events We are currently looking at different options for a whole school trip – options include the zoo, an aquarium or the theatre. We are also looking at funding some more companies to come into the school, including a Bollywood Dancing event, a Theatre Company, Science Day etc. Quotes and dates are currently being sought. • Oundle Literacy Festival It was agreed that the PTA would fund 50% of the cost for the children to attend this event. • To be carried over to the next meeting: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ UV Disco ○ A token gift for Leap Year ○ £20.24 Challenge
8	<p>Date of next meeting – Wednesday 7th February 2024 at 4.15pm</p>