

## **Finchale Primary School**

### **Meeting of Parent Teacher Association (PTA)**

**Friday 27 March 2026 (in person and online)**

#### **1. Welcome, Introductions and Apologies**

Welcome to Jenny Foster.

Also present N Ward, V Nower, E Simson, Sarah W.

Apols Kev Wills, Charlotte Jarvis, Louise Goodyear, Andrea Muter, Ron Trickett

#### **2. Minutes from the last meeting**

Minutes from January meeting to be updated.

Minutes from October – on the website

Website – update insurances.

#### **3. Spring Disco update**

Ticket sales cut off and parents were still buying tickets on the day. Some parents bought tickets on the door.

It looks like there were some children poorly on the day. There were more upper KS2 than normal. Changing the theme seemed to be a good idea.

70 KS1 and 100 KS2. A number of year 6 children were unavailable due to football training.

The DJ has received mixed reviews. Some of the songs were not suitable/relevant.

We need to consider what else we can do for year 6s for the end of term.

Volunteers – there were a number of year 3 volunteers for both discos, and this worked quite well.

Two parents who were not able to make the disco ordered sweets, and who assisted through the Tesco Community Fund.

There were some concerns over the allergies and cross contamination. There should be a clear instruction to those handling food to make it clear how important the allergy element is.

Expected that we would have made £100.

#### **4. Pop-up Shops update**

Update provided in advance of the meeting by Charlotte Jarvis.

Thank you to everyone involved in the pop up shops – especially Les and Mrs Sludden. Not a lot left from the light up stall – most sold. Could have ordered more but it's hard to balance. They went down well with the children.

Easter scratch cards – 21 sold so far.

More pop up shops could be done. Also 100 square scratch cards etc.

Thanks was given by N Ward for all of the help from volunteers for all of the events.

#### **5. Finance update and spend proposals**

Update from KW

- Selection box costs included in other fair costs so hard to separate.
- % income from CJ's pop up shops which are hard to split out, but it is clear they have made a huge difference.

24/25 profit £1667.42

26/26 profit of £788.20 (on track for £2000)

**Balance** £5385.05.

A sound financial position – we need to spend more!

Most events provide good profit, though historically fairs less than desired considering the amount of effort involved, and compared to other schools. Up for discussion?

Loss making prom has been discussed and given overall profit is this acceptable?

In addition to usual expenditure, we should be spending circa £2000 a year and could spend more given current balance.

## **6. Next events**

### **a. Easter egg hunt**

Year 1 event. Terry Parker ex dinner lady and two other parents from year 1.

We have the items for the hunt and we just need to be clear how it works so that it can be communicated to the parents who are volunteering.

Consider preparing class lists now, there is a request for year 1 to go first.

Consider whether the Easter Bunny will make an appearance.

### **b. Prom**

Consideration given to - When is prom? What other ideas are there? Do we just limit it to year 6? Think about what we do after Easter? What do we do about year 6 on their SATs day? End of SATs week. Presentation of hoodies.

### **c. Consideration given to the proposal to fund window wraps for the school. This was met with mixed views from the Committee. It was decided that this could not be pursued by the PTA at this moment. JF noted that there may be some external funding for these type of works, JF confirmed that she would take away the action to research what might be available.**

School requires a new server. Consider if the PTA can contribute to this.

Teacher training for Forest School – we can train a teacher but school confirmed that they don't have the capacity to deliver it.

Consider also - playground equipment and Gardening club

## **7. Fundraising Ideas**

- a. Sponsored event for May half term
- b. Sponsored readathon

## **8. Meeting dates – AGM - July**

## **9. AOB**

None

## **10. Next meeting**

TBC