

— ELVINGTON PTA —  
MINUTES 22<sup>ND</sup> NOVEMBER 2021

Current PTA Balance: £4477.00

## ATTENDEES

Andrew Buttery (Head Teacher),  
Lisa Smith, Mary Atolagbe, Olivia  
King, Kara Palmer, Gill Stapleton  
(Vice Chair), Sarah Richardson,  
and Emma Hartley (Chair)

## APOLOGIES

Sophie Biggs-Fox, Sophie Tams, Roseanne Jackson (Finance),  
Charlotte Palmer (Maternity Leave)

**Film Night Cancellation-** Unfortunately, given the rise in COVID cases, we have steered on the side of caution and postponed the event until the Spring term. All parents who had requested tickets, or have paid into the PTA account, have been offered the refund. All requested to have their child's ticket saved until the event can safely go ahead.

**Toys Sale- Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> November 2021 @ 3pm-5pm-** The Village hall has been booked and PTA Volunteers are hopeful to be there for 1pm to start setting up and receiving donated toys. We are requesting voluntary wearing of face coverings and a clear lateral flow test before attending to ensure continued safety from COVID. We will be running on reduced numbers allowed in the venue at any one time to continue this throughout the sale.

We will have the disco dome for the children to play on, and refreshments from the hatch for customers. We welcome all volunteers on the day if anyone has the time to help please it will be greatly appreciated.

So far, we have Liv, Gill, Mary, Sophie B-F, and Emma (thank you so much!!). All proceeds from this event will go to the PTA, however we are hopeful to run another after Christmas which we will split the proceeds between the PTA and your chosen charities.

**S.T.A.R. Shop-** Mr Buttery has kindly found us space on the school grounds to put our Eco Shop/ Shed. We are hoping to get the children heavily involved with this (to decorate, to sort the clothes sizes etc.) and the PTA will play an active role in making sure the donations are presentable and the shop is welcoming for all. We will be running this on a voluntary contribution basis and asking for a bank transfer for the donation (so no money will be held in the shop). The PTA will open and lock the shed at drop off and pick up. Emma will circulate the choice of huts and we can have a joint decision of which will look the best. The timely opening of the shop falls in line with Government backed proposals to encourage affordable uniform for all. Elvington are ahead of the game and thinking of our Environment too.

We will be looking for press coverage of the launch of this shop, and perhaps a celebrity opening (or the Lord Mayor). Either way, we will be shouting Elvington School from the roof tops for our innovation and quick call to action!

**Environmental Group Swish Shop**- The swish shop organised and run by our very own Lisa Smith (three cheers) was a huge success. Lisa and the Elvington Environmental team kindly ran and raised money for the PTA in the village for the clothes swap. We had so many clothes donated and raised a substantial amount of money for the PTA. A huge thank you Lisa and your team for organising such a fabulous afternoon.

**Sweet Bags and Christmas Jumper Swap**- We will be selling bags of sweets from the outdoor under cover area in the playground after school on Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> December 2021, along with the Christmas Jumper swap @ 3.15pm. Children will be able to purchase a bag of sweet for £1, and parents will be able to swap their child's last years Christmas Jumper for the next size up! (Winning for the environment and our pockets!) More information on this to follow, but any volunteers welcome (it will last about 30 minutes maximum).

**Christmas Hamper Raffle**- Mr Buttery had a great suggestion of asking for hamper donations and holding a raffle on the morning of Friday 17<sup>th</sup> December 2021. The PTA will collect the donation and create the hamper(s). If we can get volunteers to help to create the hampers and sell raffle tickets in the playground on the run up to the date, this will hopefully be a great way to raise some last-minute funds for the year.

**Onwards into the new year**- We have had so many great ideas for money raising into the new year already, including Kara's great idea of Mother's Day/ Father's Day gifting for children to choose a gift for their parents (for £5 for example), a local barn dance with bands and a bar, Summer fetes and so much more. We are thankful for all suggestions, the sky is our limit on what we want to do and achieve, and we are pretty good at turning things around at pace, so please just shout out if you have any ideas!