



PTA News

2015 May 13

This letter details the outcome of the PTA meetings on May 8, for which we now seek your input.

The meetings were attended by Michelle Cundall, Gabriella Forey, Colin Harris (PTA reps), Mrs Hinstridge and Mr Jess (head teacher and deputy head) and Simone Sanderson, Simon Forey, Ellen Hall, Laureen Wright, Kenrick Aldrich, Muriel Hardie, Sarah Anderson, Geoff Cundall, Wendy-Jo Atter (parents/carers).

School Summer Camping

One idea, which generated a lot of excitement and discussion, was the possible new adventure of summer camping on the school grounds! Mrs Hinstridge suggested that the Green suite could be opened up for facilities. We could organise a BBQ, a campfire and possibly invite a band or two to perform, provided we notify the local residents.

What do you think of this idea? Would you take part? Should it be on a weekend during term time or sometime in the summer holidays? One or two nights? Should we have a band or some other entertainment? If so, do you play in a band? Should we have sports games during the day? Do you have experience in running camps and could you help with advice or in the actual preparation and organisation?

Young Entrepreneurs Award

Another idea was to start an annual Summercroft 'Apprentice' challenge. Groups of pupils, together with their parents, would be invited to organise and run their own stalls at this year's summer fair (July 4). The team that runs the most profitable stall would then be awarded a Young Entrepreneurs of 2015 award. They would receive a trophy and a prize, and be featured in the Herts and Essex Observer! A plaque would also be placed in school reception.

Could you help sourcing an exciting prize? Should we set a budget or let the teams come up with their own funding? Do you have experience in running a project or a business and would you be able to advise to help us in getting this idea off the ground? Do you have contacts at organisations like the Young Enterprise? Do you have access to materials that our young entrepreneurs could use to decorate their stalls, or to use as material for making products to sell or games to design?

Summer Fair

The Summer Fair will be on Saturday, July 4, from 1-4pm. We are looking for anyone who can get drinks, food, or any other resources at cost. If you have contacts who could help with advertising, we want to hear from you! If you know someone who could lend us a stage, please contact us asap!

We are also looking for businesses who could offer tombola, raffle or silent auction prizes, or if they would like to advertise at the fair or to have a stall. Please spread the word and put us in touch with your favourite local businesses.

Other Ideas

Other ideas discussed included:

- Used sports equipment and musical instruments sale (in addition to uniform sale)
- Used toys and books sale or exchange
- Prince, princess and superheroes fashion show
- Summercroft got talent competition (kids, parents and teachers)
- Cheese and wine tasting evening
- Roller disco
- Cook book from recipes contributed by the pupils (one book per year group)
- Easter bonnet and mask competition with a parade
- Walking bus

If you would like to get involved with any of these or if have any other ideas for events you think could be good to run, please let us know.

Get in touch!

Please email your ideas, comments, suggestions, contacts and offers of help of any kind to pta@summercroft.herts.sch.uk or post them on the PTA Facebook page (<https://www.facebook.com/groups/summercroft.pta/>). You can also simply write a note and drop it into the post box at the school reception (make sure to address it to the PTA). If you'd rather talk in person, grab one of us at school drop off/pick up or arrange to meet us via the office. Of course, you are also welcome to join one of our future meetups!

Please act on this now!

Thank you!
Gabriella, Michelle and Colin
PTA reps