

	<p>It was discussed how to promote the availability of funds to the school teachers. A reminder to be sent to the school to distribute to staff to encourage funding requests.</p> <p>JM suggested fundraising for a specific purchase and advertising this to parents as a way to capture interest. E.g possibly foldable theatre style seating on wheels for the school hall.</p> <p>JM suggested a way to use funds to support families who may be struggling financially to allow their children at the school to take part in events or clubs outside of the curriculum. E.g music lessons, field trips or equipment. Suggested to call this an 'Opportunity Fund' and would need to be discussed with the school finance team to establish those families who could benefit most and may not already via PP. Donation of this was agreed at £1500.00 with a view for this to be flexible if necessary.</p>	<p>GE</p> <p>ALL to discuss with KH at next meeting</p> <p>SG to draft an email to KP/NC for committee to agree before sending</p>
<p>6. Next fundraising events</p>	<p>Christmas 2025:</p> <p>It was agreed that we would not run the Christmas Bingo again this year due to competition with too many other local Christmas events. We will not run the Bake Off competition either due to lack of interest and entries last year.</p> <p>It was suggested and agreed that we approach Mrs Gibbs to see if she could arrange a small scale Baking Competition where students make simple Christmas bakes as part of food-tech lessons, e.g. mince pies or gingerbread men. These could be sold at the Christmas fair and it was agreed that we could fund the ingredients.</p> <p>It was agreed we would run the Christmas Fair again in line with the Beaminster Town Christmas lights switch on on Friday 28th November. Location to be the town hall again with the grotto in a separate room near the main entrance. A queuing system will be in place, starting at the back entrance to the hall allowing the queue to follow a path around the stalls and refreshments (encouraging purchases). Fun Christmas posters with activities to be displayed along the queue to reduce boredom for the children. The kitchen to serve tea, coffee, mulled wine and cakes.</p> <p>This year we will reinstate the Bottle Tombola using prize donations from parents on Academic Monitoring Day which is Thursday 20th November.</p> <p>The Big Christmas Raffle will run again this year and it was suggested the draw could take place during the interval of the Christmas Concert on Thursday 11th December. Whilst we will provide cash prizes for 1st 2nd and 3rd, we will also try to source good prizes from local businesses. The committee will try to source these in the next month or so. Raffle tickets to be printed by Footprints in Bridport again and we will establish the latest deadline for this to be done before the tickets are sent out to parents via children w/c 24th November</p>	<p>GE to email Mrs Gibbs</p> <p>SG to book and pay for the hall (with discount) and liaise with stall holders/grotto elves</p> <p>ALL to devise fun posters if possible</p> <p>Volunteers needed to collect donations on AMD and store in cupboard</p> <p>GE to check with school that this is ok</p> <p>ALL to source raffle prizes</p> <p>GE to liaise with Footprints</p>

	<p>A tombola wheel has been donated to the BSPTA</p> <p>We will ask parents to bake and donate cakes for the fair</p>	<p>EB to put tombola wheel in our cupboard if it fits!</p> <p>GE to compose mailshot for parents</p>
7. Promotion of BSPTA	<p>The BSPTA stickers and leaflets are in the cupboard for distribution whenever possible. Stickers to be stuck on items purchased (arrangements made through school for this) and leaflets to be displayed at each event.</p> <p>We will arrange a mailshot to be sent to parents in the new year outlining the need for new members, especially new Chairperson and Treasurer next year when NT and SG will be leaving and then a secretary the following year.</p>	<p>ALL to distribute leaflets and promote where possible</p> <p>GE to compose mailshot</p>
10. Any other business	<p>We discussed the merits of the BSPTA registering as a charity to be eligible for funding grants. It was not felt that we currently raise enough money per annum to meet thresholds for this, but further discussion to take place if we establish a need for specific items (e.g. theatre seating) which could make the step to charity worthwhile.</p>	-
11. Date of next meeting	<p>Thursday 15th January, 6pm, The Greyhound, Beaminster.</p>	ALL
	<p>Meeting ended at 7:25pm</p>	