CHOLSEY PRIMARY SCHOOL – P.T.A.

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD AT 8.00PM ON TUESDAY 19TH JANUARY 2010

PRESENT: Clare Moroney (Chair)
Julie Grimshaw (Secretary)
Heather Duncan
Emma Graham
Cheryl Bryers (Treasurer)
Heather Haigh (Head Teacher)
Jane Eacopo

		ACTION
1.	**Apologies**	
	Apologies were received from Ruth Chenery, Karen Gilmore, Emma Green, Selma Halsall, Sian McCarthy and Anne-Marie Voges.	
2.	**Minutes of the Meeting held on 26th November 2009.**	
	Class reps still to be contacted. J Eacopo volunteered to be a class rep with L Lynn for Year 1-2.	C Moroney
	First Aid training for groups of 12 children is now taking place on a Wednesday afternoon.	
3.	**Summary Treasurers Report**	
	There is currently £5,000 in the current account and £10,000 in the high interest account. The Christmas Hampers made a profit after costs of £397.01. A cheque has been received from Yellow Moon for £38.05 £50 was raised at the Foundation Nativity. Ruth Chenery donated £50 profit from Christmas Chocoholics sales to the PTA. Judy Collins' Christmas Do raised £290 and a good time was had by all. All present offered a big thank you to Judy. The National PTA association subscription has been paid by direct debit.	
4.	**Upcoming Events**	
	Summer Event – A meeting is to be held at Judy Collins house at the end of the month to commence the organisation of the summer event.	
	May Queen Disco – 19th March.	
	Disco man booked. Form to signed.	J Grimshaw
	Bar licence to be applied for.	J Grimshaw
	Class lists to be printed.	C Bryers
	Staff needed to man bars and hall.	J Grimshaw
	Bike Sale – Provisional date Saturday 27th March – Time to be agreed, preferably after football.	L Lynn S Stanley
	Reserve prices to be put on by owners.	
	Bag to School. This is where a company gives us sacks to fill with old clothes and soft toys that will go abroad and they pay us per tonne for the items. This has been done at other schools locally. J Grimshaw	J Grimshaw

	to find out how it went and how much money they made. E Graham suggested that M Cairns be approached to put on a show at the school on a mid week day in early March. Further investigation required.	E Graham
5.	**Wish Lists**	
	Year 1 / 2 blackout blinds no costs received as yet.	
	Still no progress in getting hold of tiger bins.	
	The writing slopes are complete, thanks to Bob for such a superb job.	
	Last year we purchased some large paper trimmers, this year the school would like 3 smaller paper trimmers at a cost of £93.45 each. This was approved.	
	The school would like a digital camera for each class ie 6 at £60 each. The meeting approved the cost of 3 totalling £180.00 ie Yr 1-2, Yr 3-4, Yr 5-6 to share.	
	There are very few books in the new Year 2 classroom 2DP. They have to share / borrow from Yr 1 and Yr 1-2. The school has a £130 credit with Scholastic books which all agreed should be used and the PTA agreed to top that up to £200. 2DP will also be holding a cake sale to raise some more money for books.	E Graham to speak to Mrs Deacon.
6.	**Playground Project**	
	A landscaping man visited during the snow to give us suggestions. He didn't favour Astroturf and it would be too expensive to tarmac it. He suggested using paving slabs to level off the whole area. He will come back again when it is not snowy. Therefore no quotes have been obtained as yet. We need to look at other schools that have had markings done. N Hughes is keen to start up a working group and have some children & parents involved. The parents who are involved will need to have time to do some researching on this topic. More seating could also be put around the playground or moved from under the Yr1 canopy.	Class reps to encourage some parents to volunteer to be involved.
10.	**Incoming Post**	
	There was no significant post.	
11.	**Any Other Business**	
	Parents are still to be encouraged to collect the Flora tokens – the school obtained some aprons and wooden spoons last year.	
	During the snow there was excellent communication between the school and parents and the new Learning Platform was used widely by both, staff parents and pupils. Mrs Haigh gave a short refresher course at the start of the meeting and parents gave feedback on problems that they had encountered which will hopefully be resolved shortly. A link to the KLP is to be put onto the PTA website. The newsletter that is currently available on the website can be viewed by the world and contains photos of the children and telephone numbers.	

Therefore it will shortly only be available by email, class notice-boards, a paper copy where specifically requested, or on the Learning Platform.

H Duncan asked what was happening with the school calendar CHOKO want to do one this year and didn't want to clash with us they deferred last year as we were going to do one. It proved too difficult to get both the photos to include all children and sufficient sponsorship to do it in time. It is unlikely that we will do it this year either.

C Moroney and H Haigh attending the Kick Off meeting for the Cholsey 1000+ festival for 2011 last Friday. There were approximately 40 people present representing all the groups in the village. It was suggested that the festival start during the May half term with the Bluebirds tournament and finish the following Sunday with the Sunday with a big event on the Saturday. There would be open days at the school during the week.

11. **Date of Next Meeting**

Thursday 25th February at 8.00pm

Meeting closed 9.15pm