



30<sup>th</sup> May 2018

## PTA Update/SUMMER FAIR

Recently it has come to our attention that due to increasing legalities PTAs in schools are more and more seen now as a separate business to a school - this meaning they are seen as a separate identity to the school and have become a very official organisation needing to have separate insurance along with separate Risk Assessments etc.... when organising events. As you can imagine no parent volunteer wishes to be involved in the bureaucracy of all this. Therefore, I as Principal of the school have taken the decision to 'close/fold' the PTA **in name** but to continue to support this group of willing parent volunteers to host their events under the name of 'Camphill Primary School Fundraising' volunteers. All affiliation with PTA UK/Parentkind will now be closed with sole responsibility for all events being under the schools/EA jurisdiction meaning all insurance/risk assessments etc... are in line with the Education Authority standards.

So - what does this mean now?

\*We now no longer have an official PTA we now have parent volunteers/helpers who want to organise and help the school fundraise.

\*We now don't have official meetings/minutes the school will look for parent volunteers, when needing to organise events ....and most importantly what we do have - is the continuation of all our events which our pupils enjoy with the school raising much needed funds for all the extra resources we have that otherwise just wouldn't exist.

### What's next? - OUR SUMMER FAIR! Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> June 2018 6:30pm-8:30pm.

We are now well underway with our preparations for this years Summer Fair - and are asking this year for a different approach to finding prizes for the kids for games and for our much loved 'Tombola' stall. What we are asking is that each family/child donate £1.00 of Poundlands/B&MS/Poundstretchers merchandise and donate the following - this will allow us to have lots of stock for the children at the Fair.

Can we encourage our :-

**P1 children** to provide a multipack of sweets

**P2 children** to provide a multipack of crisps

**P3 children** to provide a plastic bottle of juice (this can be fizzy but no glass please)

**P4 children** to provide a stationery/craft item

**P5 children** to provide a toy item

**P6 children** to provide a multipack of sweets/crisps/drink

**P7 children** to provide any 'bottle' from Poundland/B&Ms/Poundstretchers

We would really appreciate all assistance with the above and any item is better than nothing so please take the above as a suggestion only.

Look out for all Summer Fair advertising information coming home in early June - please keep the date free!

Yours sincerely

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