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3.	School Update	
	Recruitment is a massive issue. Losing staff mid-year where previously we would not have. As a result some departments are stretched and we are trying to support staff as much as possible.	
	There was an Iceland trip in half term which was a big success.	
	The school has looked at things needed to make improvements to the school – including buildings improvements. There is a small list that was provided to the PTA earlier this term but the school has an even bigger list which includes larger projects. The PTA has the priority list.	
	Library refurbishment is still the fundraising priority for this year but will likely now take more time to complete as if we're raising funds to do it, the school wants to make it an exceptional library so we will need more time to raise additional funds. The agreed library funds allocation from the PTA AGM remains in place and we will make efforts to increase that.	
	Annabel asked whether the school was still considering BYOD (bring your own device) but that is currently on hold as other factors have taken priority.	
	Lots of positive feedback about Class Charts from students – especially older students. There was a question about whether Class Charts could be used for Announcements but the school needs to ensure it doesn't become another repository of too much information so that people miss/ignore it.	
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Y7/8 Stalls – there was some discussion about where these should be situated. They are usually in the Sixth Form Rooms but Ella wondered if they would be better placed in the Main Hall. Jack and Andrea will discuss and come back to us asap.

Jack/Andr ea

The PTA will be running the following stalls

- Raffle
- Ring my number
- Crack the code
- Tombola
- Refreshments
- Face painting

Annabel asked if we had contacted the Bracknell Swimarium – who were recently offering prizes for PTA raffles. We haven't so far but will add them to the list to contact.

Sarah and Spencer Rook are managing the raffle again and will have a stall at the event to sell tickets on the night.

Ring my Number & Crack the Code – are two new game stalls being run by Kate Cools.

- Ring my number call a random number submitted on ticket, half the pot of funds raised. Draw the number at 8pm helps people hang around.
- Crack the code deciding how to sell tickets. Whether to have the board with the numbers on or just let people guess. £50 note in the plastic box so it's visible.

Tombola – Tanya is planning cost for tickets and handling the labelling of the donations as well as the booth on the night.

Refreshments – we have a licence for alcoholic drinks. Mulled wine, prosecco, soft drinks, tea, coffee. Annabel and Maggie are managing this.

Face painting stall – Charlotte is running this. Andrea suggested this will appeal to Year 7 and lower (so younger siblings) – she asked perhaps to consider getting hair chalked instead (adding colour streaks to hair). Ella will mention to Charlotte.

Ella needs to talk to Lisa about sumup machines as one of them is broken. Should we order more?

Ella asked if Phil could please be available to help vendors access wifi on the night.

In Sixth Form Entrance there is a big screen which will be used for the floorplan for the stalls. Catherine to provide PPT. Also to provide one with all the raffle sponsors logos for inside the Sixth Form. Provide PPT to Jack/Andrea.

Ella asked who were first aiders. Maggie is first aider. Andrea is a first aider. Mr Burrell and Ms Pilgrim also.

Ella

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Catherine



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	Ella will plan the volunteer schedule and also assign floorwalkers to help out during the event and ensure the stallholders are happy. Ella will also devise the floorplan by end of next week.	Ella
	Kady mentioned she could help. Catherine to add her to the Xmas WhatsApp Group. Catherine mentioned that Jo Turner is also available and will add her too. Sixth form has Christmas decorations – can they help put it up.	Catherine
	Catherine mentioned we need to email out to vendors the weekend before the event with information about their stall location and final arrangements for who to contact on the day. Catherine will do the email based on info provided by Ella.	Catherine
	Andrea confirmed that Year 7 will be Singing in Sixth Form.	
	The Raffle announcement will take place in Sixth Form. Ella to confirm whether the Ring my Number and Crack the Code announcements also take place in the sixth Form and at what time.	Ella
9.	АОВ	
	Quiz Night – save the date 2 nd February. Catherine will create a new signup form. Bring your own drinks/food. Pay via ScoPay. Start to promote after the Christmas Event. Catherine to check if Richard is happy to help out with this event as he had previously mentioned it.	Catherine
	Careers fair – Catherine mentioned Jo's update from email. 30 companies in attendance. We would welcome more so if any parents would like to come and talk about their companies, that would be useful.	
	Remind everyone about Christmas shopping and using Easyfundraising or similar to help spend Christmas money and contribute to the PTA. Catherine will do reminder after the Christmas event as there is a lot of information currently being sent out.	Catherine