

PTFA Agenda for Meeting 10 June 2026 – 7pm

Attendance: Katie Taylor, Emma Belivanis, Jess Eades, Emma Hill, Amy Clay, Nickly Pledger, oona Gilbertson, Nat Cross, Martina Hodgeson, Emma has signed the minutes off from the last meeting.

Apologies: Jayne Pritzlaff, Sophie Rawdings, Alex Gilbourne, Ruth Jackson

Thanks to EB for the past 2 years of work as chair - From KT

1. Headteacher update - stone building, the Nursery and EYFS spaces:

Nursery is looking great, with the funding the school has been very creative, the school has refurbished the toilets with the money which helps the whole school. There has been lots of resources bought for Hedgehogs. Now working on the green zone, covered arts area, walk-in workshop that is lockable with tools, growing area with raised beds, shed that keeps the tools, covered sand pit. Hobbit house being put in to replace the small cottage. Part paved and part barked to be usable throughout the year. It means nursery or hedgehogs can use the area. It also means all of the reception can be outside and have space. Money has been spent on vocabulary signs for the outside.

Phonics books: donated by the PTFA - all children have been assessed individually, which has now been completed. Now children will be grouped and given the appropriate books.

Stone shed: (thanks Amy for the polly-tunnel and gardening space) systematic process is under way for children arriving and helping on a week by week basis. End of this project is to put in a modular building in and take down the stone shed. OG has been liaising with various companies. Planning advice: do not need planning permission to take the shed down but they need planning to put the modular space up. Waiting for building company to get back with quote.

Quantity surveyor has been involved with the wall covered in Ivy. Report back is that this wall needs to be a supporting wall - complex issues as to why the building has not been ordered yet.

Quotes for modular buildings are around £36000 for the classroom and £26000 for the store cupboard. Chris Barrett - has been helping with this.

2. Spring Fete feedback and other events during the Spring term: Support from parents is very little (again). Discussion about needing more help to set up. There is a lot of work involved behind the scenes, £400 will be given to the PTFA from the ESA. The weather did not help but it was still successful.
3. Thank you to Nicky for organising the 'Protecting Children from Online Harm' talk alongside Curbar PTFA. The evening was really well attended and it has had such positive feedback from parents and teachers. Felt it was important to have the Eyam PTFA name on this. Very

successful, many attendees. From a community perspective it was a great opportunity to start a conversation - looking at the facts delivered independently. The first small step of a much bigger project.

Stage 1: Focus on primary schools to grab parents before they buy the smart phone. Plan to weave into mental health week and then a focus on secondary schools as stage 2.

What is the next step and how do we keep the momentum going? Extremely important as a group of schools that we work together. Focus on the data of the parents who have signed up to keep educating about smart phones and for parents to sign up to the pledge of not buying a smart phone. Could put this on the notice board, NP has flyers.

Is there scope for Dr Laura to come back and repeat the talk, possibly provide something for the children. This would be difficult to do as the talk was also done in Bakewell and it was not well attended which has left a negative thought of Derbyshire.

“This will be Phase 1 of a bigger campaign being rolled out in our area in response to the current children’s mental health crisis as a result of exposure to on-line harm, and the associated. Government consultation on a social media ban.”

4. Dyslexic sessions. Have these been a success and future plans to continue? There have been 6 sessions, out of a possible 36. This is difficult as it would be expensive to run the whole programme. Possible suggestions for a TA to train in this method and implement for all children who struggle with their phonics screening test in Year 1. Mrs Gilbertson to liaise with the provider.
5. Poly tunnel and new garden area - update from Amy. Huge thanks to Amy for all her hard work. Help from the wider school community - small amount offered, need a regular rota. Some help with watering. Patrick to come in and see what else needs doing - volunteer (possibly regular), invoice from Patrick given to Emma for remainder of Poly tunnel. Thank yous are ready for those who have helped. Camouflage day to be organised. Bird boxes are in the school and ready to be painted. Bird talk - possibly get a volunteer in or the merlin app. Derbyshire wildlife trust often send bird paraphernalia. Mano to ask about the bird conversation. 10th July: 30 mins at 1.00pm then the bird walk.
6. New curved planters (2) for the front of the school – quoted £950. Are we happy to fund this? Voted yes.
7. New surface as put forward by AC– Oona happy to pursue this idea but thinks that the back of the school with the poly tunnel and the new planters needs to be a priority and to ensure that we have willing volunteers to actually keep the project going. Parrallel project – stone buildings the priority. Look at quotes. OG happy for us to start looking at the project and to also get the school council involved in planning.

8. Leavers Disco in July. Date of 15th July agreed at school.
9. Ice creams and polytunnel tour for parents during sports day? Discussed and thought to be a good idea and to go ahead with this.

Date of next meeting: Wednesday 9th September