

Dorin Park PTA Meeting
Thursday 8 October 2026
Minutes

Time and Location

7.30pm – online on Teams

Present

Lesley Body, Amanda Hartley, Karen Nash, Gillian Driscoll, Nicole Luijnenburg, Becky Hanna, Maxine Nevitt, Yvonne Winstanley, Naomi Cowley.

Apologies

Sarah Adam, Jane Rowlinson, Jay Hartley, Lisa Robertshaw, Claire McKelvey, Bridget Aldridge.

Items to be minuted

*Helen Muggleton has now left the PTA, she will still try to help out in the background the best she can.

*The outdoor benches have been ordered by Karen, they should be delivered soon.

*The Grinch outfit has been ordered too by Karen.

Actions from previous meeting

Action – for everyone to keep using Easyfundraising while shopping online – ongoing.

Halloween

*Hotdogs, chips and pizza have been arranged. Cakes too.

*We had the Traitor Game arranged by Maxine. 2 cloaks, 2 buckets, sponges and a wheel have been ordered by Karen. We charged £0.50 a go.

*Guess the weight of the pumpkin. Lesley has picked up 20 pumpkins kindly donated by Bellis Brothers.

*Cash floats needed for: Guess the weight of the pumpkin, Traitor Game, Halloween outfits, food, 2 tombola's, raffles, drinks, cakes.

Treasurer Report

See attachment.

Fundraising Ideas

Our regular fundraisers that keep us ticking over are:

- School lottery
- Easyfundraising
- Clothes 4 Sammy or Roberts Recycling
- Our quarterly raffles

Action – Amanda will check with Sarah if there is space at reception to put a box from 'Jack collection for clothes' to put bric a brac.in for them to collect.

AOB

*Action – Amanda to check with Sarah re Paint Republic, they don't have availability in December anymore but they do in January and February.

*Sarah has approved enrichments boxes in the classrooms (a bit like Starlight Boxes, https://www.starlight.org.uk/how-we-help/health-play-services/starlight-boxes).
In the meantime we have received the first requests from 2 classes for the enrichment boxes.

*Singing Hands is booked for 18 March 2026 (price is about £1200). They will be in touch about the booking and invoice in the week starting 19/10/26.

Clothes 4 Sammy has raised almost £150! But Lesley mentioned they have been in touch and have now put the price per kilo down to £0.20 instead of £0.40. Action – Karen will have a look to which charities the money raised for Sammy's and Roberts recycling is going to. We can then make a decision who we would like to use going forward.
*Our Christmas diner has been booked for 14 December at 7.30pm in The Wheatsheaf in Upton.

*Chester Zoo is coming to school on Tuesday 20 October, they will send the invoice after the visit (£350).

*Action – Amanda will reach out to 'Animal Guyz' to check prices and availability for the end of next year.

*School's choir is singing in Bren Brews café on Thursday 3 December.
Action – to sort a raffle prize out and sell raffle tickets on the day. Gillian mentioned Morrison's will offer us some items worth £20 which we could use for the raffle.

Christmas

*Father Christmas and The Gringe will come to school on Friday 11 December. School will do hot chocolate and a small Christmas market again. PTA to help with the hot chocolate and marsh mallows.

Next PTA Meeting

The date for our next meeting is on Teams on Tuesday the 17th of November 2026

Nicole Luijnenburg

Attachment: Treasurer Report