

Newton Poppleford School Association (PTFA)

Easter Hop

12th March 2024

Attendees: Teri Murphy (Chair), Georgia Trengove (Secretary), Laura Broughton apologies Janine Rudling

Janine's points before we start:

Janine wanted to share her ideas for the Easter Hop as she could not attend the meeting.

- To consider making the distances of the walks shorter as 10 km will be quite long for little ones.
- Something to encourage the little ones to walk eg. a treat at the end.

Ideas:

- Ideas were brainstormed about sponsored walk versus entrance fee for the event. The sponsored walk would generally generate more money but less stress for parents to pay for an entrance fee.
- Ideas were brainstormed about whether this should be a group walk versus a trail that is completed on whatever day you chose. The group walk would be a great community event however with only two weeks to organise and staff the event there is not enough time also the extra problem of being restricted if the weather is bad on the day of the event and furthermore hiring out the pavilion will be an extra cost. A trail walk will give families the scope to do the walk whenever they want to over the Easter Holidays which might work out better as families will be on holiday etc.
- Ideas brainstormed about the length of the walk. Initial ideas were 5 and 10 km walk however on reflection this might be too far for the younger children so to create a 1 and 3 km trail.
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Therefore, it was decided to the 'Easter Hop' would be an entrance fee of £3, following trail signs and there would be a 1 and 3 km walk and a prize draw at the end of the attendees to win the prize of a Looby's Kitchen brownie. An organisation sub group will be set up and anyone wanting to join will be invited to do so.

To do list to be shared in separate organising group:

- To prepare a map to follow and create a route for the trail
- Create the marker points eg, bunny signs
- Advertising materials
- Create instruction with captions what to look out for
- Speak to the council about marker points
- Set a price and what payment system we will need to use
- Create planning whatsapp group
- Create risk assessment for the event.