

Minutes

Friends' Meeting



Date: 13.09.21

Location: Remote via Zoom

Attendees: Sarah Gundry, Sarah Howard, Claire Massey, Sian Nixon, Danielle Davis, Louise Ince, Louise Saville, Rachel Hart and Iryna Wiseman

Apologies: Taken from the WhatsApp group: Vicki Wheeler and Jo Griffiths.

Agenda

Topics	Discussion
Welcome	The meeting began with an introduction to Friends and SG explained what Friends is. All attendees introduced themselves.
Apologies	Vicki Wheeler. Jo Griffiths
Minutes from the previous meeting	Date of the meeting incorrect. CM to action
New deputy head	SG requested to meet the new deputy head now that Covid restrictions are relaxing to introduce herself and enable the link between Friends and school to continue
Adventure Playground	SH updated Friends on the development of the school play area being carried out by united utilities. This will hopefully be completed soon. WE have £11,000 to be put towards the adventure playground structure which is to be echo friendly. CM suggested buying the bulk of a structure and then fundraise to add on. SH agreed and requested it to be a structure for all ages (the old structure was quite tall). SH and SG to meet and discuss and feedback. SG asked SH to discuss with the children what the children's views and wishes are.
Treasurer's report	DD provided a financial update. Balance = £13, 753. £11, 000 ringfenced for the adventure playground. £1000 to be kept in the account.

	<p>Second account has been created for the 100 club that direct debits can be sent to. Named persons on the account are DD and SG. DD said CM will need to go in to the bank to be added to the account.</p>
<p>100 club</p>	<p>The plan is:</p> <p>participants to pay monthly by a standing order. Everyone agreed to £2 per month and people are welcome to buy as many as they wish i.e. £2 £4 £6 etc...</p> <p>£200 to be split 1st = £50 2nd = £30 3rd £20 Friends £100</p> <p>Prizes will be sent direct to winners account to remain cashless. DD will create a letter that explains what details are needed and how to set up a standing order. SH mentioned GDPR and storing peoples' details. RH also mentioned adjudicator; face book live draws was suggested.</p>
<p>Planning events/ fundraising 221- 2022</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SH confirmed covid restrictions guidelines now state that restrictions are not now in place however the school are very cautious when working towards returning to normal. • SG mother-in-law is knitting puddings and snowmen for Christmas • Christmas disco would depend on whether this would be possible nearer the time. SG to speak to VW regarding dates and pencil them in with a maybe.
<p>Christmas Fair</p>	<p>Christmas fair doesn't seem possible in our traditional way.</p> <p>Chris ideas:</p> <p>Santa dash. Fundraising run around the school playground wearing a Santa hat</p> <p>Breakfast with Santa Having pancakes with Santa. Chocolate or cookie gift.</p> <p>Christmas Cards 20% to Friends. Due to covid it would fall on the teachers to do the pictures in an art session. SH agreed that this would be nice for the children. 13.10.21 would be a deadline to work towards to get the best commission. LI suggested a company called Cauliflower cards. SG has received correspondence from some companies too. SH to speak to staff about their views on this.</p> <p>Movie Night on an evening after school per class or the Friday evenings leading up to Christmas</p>

	SG has informed Friends that she as taken leave on 12.12.21 for a few days to support Christmas plans.
Any Other Business	<p>Collection tub at the co-op is full and needs collecting SN has offered to collect them as she is familiar with the staff.</p> <p>School Forest</p> <p>SH has said the forest needs maintenance. SG has had a further discussion with Wild Souls and although they are not offering this service anymore, she has offered to come and look at it. She has worked with neighbouring school. Friends to consider if their mindfulness activities could be arranged. SG to arrange a meeting to support them having a look at the forest to confirm if they can help and discuss the sessions they offer. Possibly look at sourcing volunteers to help again.</p>
News Letter	SN to create a newsletter welcoming parent back to the new academic year and informing them about events we have planned and intend to run (unless this changes due to covid for example school disco)
Date and time of next meeting	SG asked what people's thoughts are regarding continuing virtually or face to face. It was agreed the next meeting would be Monday 18 th October in school at 7pm

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