

Friends Meeting 11th October

Present

Helen Marshall, Catriona Penty, Helen McNeil, Leigh Carr, Sue Rooke, Sarah Harrison, Jayne Cole, Sue Timoney, Hester Robinson, Georgina O'Connor

Actions from Last Meeting

Mostly done. Will be meeting with MLT to discuss how to spend sponsorship money from kids Mudrun (£270); possibly on something sporty?

IT Costs

Still waiting to hear.

Treasurers Update

Savings Account £5081.17

Current Account £10,110.99 plus coffee morning, sweepstake and mud run (roughly £700).

Fantastic!

Fundraising so far – account breakdown circulated. This year's total £7,600. Disco was the top fundraising event, worth bearing in mind for next year. Last year total was £7,321. Well done everyone!

Marketing Newsletter

Sponsored by Spellow's this month, and The Dunsforth next month. HM queried continued sponsorship for next year? Yes, hopefully.

Past Events

Mudrun £97

Friends Coffee Morning £500

Future Events

Open Afternoon – JC in charge from Friends angle; helpers volunteered during meeting.

Morrison's Bag Packing – Hoping to get buckets. Suggestion made to buy collecting containers online, however for tomorrow we need buckets and labelling (HR to sort). Children to wear uniform.

Art Show – Will be over weekend of 22nd November, with a fabulous Private View on the Friday night that everyone is invited to (tasty nibbles and wine on offer that night). There will be a raffle on the Friday night, with a chance to win a painting. Those who haven't been before, the artists are Emily Bennison's father (Mike Tarr) and Hester Robinson's mother (Ann Allen-Stevens); we are hoping a third artist might be a part of the event as well. Invites will be circulated in due course. 20% of the artists' takings are donated to Friends, and in the past it has been a very successful event, and a great way to raise money for the school.

Chips for Trips – Pub have now got clearance for doing trips for chips for the school. Thank you Andrea Ainley for broaching this. Details need to be ironed out, but great to have the commitment.

Aldborough May Day – CP wondered whether Friends might be interested in running the cake and tea stall at this event next year? It's a good fundraiser, WI usually run it, but they are looking to step down. Logistics are complicated (water, washing up etc.). Some discussion had about this. Consensus was that we're interested; CP to take this back to May Day meeting in Aldborough.

Choir – AA has suggested that the choir she is in could come and help with future events for fundraising.

Amber Hill Home Furnishings – Karen has offered to give a percentage of her proceeds to school; was passed around for testing. Smells gorgeous!

Ella Georgia – has kindly offered 10% discount to parents at school. Thank you.

Ball – not had much enthusiasm for this; HM commented that there was a lot of energy given to the disco, and maybe that's what people prefer? MLT commented about the costs and organisation that went into the ball; something more low key may work better.

Funding Ideas

IT - MLT talked about research into ipads in school. Still under discussion. Cost of school set up £2,000; each tablet costs £270. We need to make sure we get the right amount of tablets. Mr Lightowler to visit other schools to get an idea.

When the decision is made about the tablets, how much of the funding comes from Friends? MLT stated we'd be approached for full costs of this.

Pantomime Costs – Do we pay for the whole thing, or just the cost of travel? Whole: £1,200, just travel £300. If Friends don't fund it, parents will be funding it. Some discussion had about this, and decision made to fund the whole of the pantomime costs, as it is an event that all the children in school will benefit from. ST commented that it would be a good idea to make the parents aware that we have funded this – good promotion for Friends.

Social Events

ST said it would be good to have a social evening for mums before the run up to Christmas; possibly after the Art Exhibition? Or to organise it more informally at the AGM?

Future Roles/Responsibilities

Class rep role is going to be scrapped, as we have found it not used in the last year.

Vacancies –

Chair, Vice-chair, Secretary

Can everyone please have a think about how they might be able to help and please come to the AGM on **15th November 2013 at 9am**

Roles that won't change:

Bags2School: Tamara Hartley

Ice-Creams: Jo Pollock

PR and Parish News: Jo Munns

Marketing and Contact Register: Sue Timoney

Christmas Cards: Helen Medd and Margaret Jandrell

Tea and Cakes: Jayne Cole?

200 Club: Jayne Cole and Chris Lofthouse

Secret Room: Emily Bennison and Helen MacNeill?

Yellow Moon: Anthea Green?

Charity Commission/Gift Aid: Vacancy