

Minutes of Friends meeting 16th September 2016 **Spellows Café. Rabbit Hill. 9am.**

Present:

Georgina Bean (GB), Philippa Cook (PC), Sarah Harrison (SH), Heather Stuart (HS), Helen McNeill (Treasurer, HMcN), Jo King (JK), Georgina Bean (GB), Vanessa Quarmby (VQ), Helen Tesseyman (HT), Leigh Carr LC), Gemma Shahjahan (GS) Heidi Beattie (HB)

The meeting began by PC thanking everyone for attending and reviewing last terms events.

Sports Day refreshments. This was well received.

Bike Ride, Barbeque and and Auction. Successful and will hopefully be repeated next year.

Fundraising Events for this term

Coffee morning

Saturday October 1st School 10-12 in Village Hall. All welcome. This is usually a very popular event. We need volunteers to help with this, please see Georgina O Connor who is organising this event. It will be match funded so please just come along and support if you are unable to help for an hour.

Halloween Disco

October 8th Parents, adults welcome - fancy dress. £12 per person includes hotdogs and a glass of fizz. Letter to go into book bags. Tickets available from Heidi and Karen or fill in the form and post into the friends box by reception. This will also be match funded.

Bag2school

Friday 18th November www.bag2school.com. Please could everyone start collecting from now to ensure we have a large amount for November. We had a record amount last time so please help to make this one even better and then we will be able to book 3 slots again next year. If you need further information please see Sarah Harrison (Thomas year 4).

Toffee Apple Friday

Last Thursday of this half term to be organised by GS.

Christmas Card Making

This is being organised again this year by Annette Weston and Gemma Boothman. Thank you to them.

The Secret room

Is taking place again this year. Helen Medd is again organising this after half term. Thank you Helen.

Accounts

There is £8500 in the current account some of which has been identified to pay for the fence for a new footpath. This is complex due to legal issues which are still under discussion.

£825 has been spent on a cooking trolley and oven and microwave.

PC and HMc to meet with Mrs Thirlaway to discuss any further spending requests. This may be to give an equal amount to each class to buy what is required.

£150 Gift aid has been received. We can only claim this for specific fundraisers such as sponsored events.

Other items:

There was a suggestion to use some of the money towards a forest school.

There was also discussion of how to ensure all new parents feel welcome when they arrive at the school.

The playgroup which The Friends used to run was a great way for pre school parents to meet. Could this be restarted? JK to discuss with MLT.

The welcome coffee morning for new parents on the first Friday of term was well attended. Are there any other things which would help?

AGM and Roles for the new year

The next meeting is the AGM Friday 4th November 9am everyone is very welcome.

Roles for next year will be decided at this time. If you are willing to take on a role, run an event or Chair the Friends please speak to PC or MLT.