

Friends of Marton School
Minutes from Meeting
Friday 5th September 2014

Present: Helen Marshall (chair); Georgina O'Connor; Jo Munns; Leigh Carr; Helen MacNeill; Clare Hassall; Philippa Cook; Sue Timoney; Heidi Beattie; Heather Stuart; Sarah Harrison

Apologies are received from Mrs Thirlaway who is timetabled to teach on Friday morning.

1. A warm welcome to all the new parents whose children have joined Marton School this term. We look forward to seeing you at the events and meetings throughout the year.
2. **Treasurers Report**
 - a. Official accounts, for our financial year to end Aug 2014, will be published at the AGM in November.
 - b. Total balance of accounts is £10,735.00.
 - c. Income since our last meeting includes £577 from the end of term BBQ and approx £200 from Ice Cream Fridays.
 - d. Marton cum Grafton Open Gardens was the most successful ever in terms of fundraising and we anticipate a donation of £1200-£1500.
 - e. We raised over £7,500 in 2013-2014.
 - f. We spent £12,000, the bulk of which was on the IT upgrade including the purchase of 15 ipads. Spending also included £2,200 on school trips or events in school. The money spent was divided equally with each child benefitting from the same amount.
 - g. The Friends donated the drinks and biscuits for children on sports day.
3. **Future Spending**
 - a. Mrs Thirlaway has reported back her wish list and these were discussed:
 - i. New guided and individual reading books for each class. It was agreed that they need updating; the teachers are researching the best titles for their classes and have a budget of £500 each. The Friends have agreed to fund the full £2000.
 - ii. School trips or visits. The Friends agreed to subsidise school trips with £1200 (same as 2013-14), which is equivalent to the money donated by Open Gardens. The money is shared equally between the children.
 - iii. Renewal of bikes and trikes in the playground. We felt that this was not a priority and that we would need further information.
 - b. We are a voluntary aided school and The Friends are required to fund 10% of capital projects. Over the summer holidays work had been carried out including:
 - i. Roof repairs
 - ii. Fencing to the field at back of school
 - iii. Fencing to the EYFS area.The cost to the Friends is £277.00.
4. Future Fundraising events
 - a. **Hollywood Movies Disco**, Saturday 20th September, 8pm. Over 40 people are coming and it promises to be a fun evening! A sign up sheet for helpers will be in the main entrance to school. **Volunteers will be needed** to help set up; run the bar and tidy up at the end.
 - b. **Spartan children's obstacle race**. Sunday 28th September, starting at 10.30am. This is a children's fun mud run, which anyone can participate in and we can all sponsor those who are entering. Last year we raised money for a very successful family fun day which was held in May and included a climbing wall and archery. Please speak to Sue Timoney if you wish to enter or **sponsor someone**.

- c. **Marston village coffee morning**, Saturday 4th October, 10-12, Village Hall. Every year we have an opportunity to run a coffee morning and 100% of the funds raised are for The Friends. Bacon butties, cakes, tea and coffee are sold and we would welcome any stalls such as Phoenix cards, candles, or even Christmas gifts. If you know anyone who might bring their wares, please contact Helen Marshall. This year, Brian O'Connor (Monty yr1) has very kindly offered match funding from his employer, Barclays. Whatever we raise on the day will be matched by a donation from Barclays. Thank you Brian! **Volunteers** will be needed on the day to help serve and we will be requesting cakes that can be brought into school on Friday 3rd Oct. Sue Timoney to compile notices for event. Helen Marshall to send texts, newsletter, sign up sheet etc.
- d. We will raffle a **luxury hamper** at the coffee morning, so please can you **donate** just one item. It could be biscuits, chocolate, wine, anything that is luxurious!
- e. Christmas cards. Helen Medd and Margaret Jandrell are co-ordinating the design and production of cards by the children. Thank you.
- f. Sponsorship of newsletter. If you know of any small businesses who would benefit from promoting their businesses, please speak to Sue Timoney. It is just £35 and could bring in a life-long new customer.

5. Actions

- a. Update of parents contact register to be sent out by Helen Marshall
- b. Mrs Thirlaway to provide an update of ipad usage in the classroom.
- c. The next meeting is the AGM where a new chairperson will be appointed and it is an opportunity to review other roles. Please let Helen Marshall know your thoughts!

6. Dates for your diary

- Saturday 20th September, Hollywood Movies disco
- Sunday 28th September Spartan children's mud run
- Saturday 4th October, Coffee Morning
- Friday 10th October, 1-3pm, school open afternoon, cakes and volunteers, please.
- Thursday 6th November, Girls social night in the Punchbowl.
- Friday 7th November, AGM, 9am school hall.
- Tues 17th March to Thurs 19th March book fair from Travelling Books.