

## **Minutes of Friends Meeting 5<sup>th</sup> June 2015**

Present: Helen Marshall (HMa - Chair), Tanya Cunningham(TC), Sarah Harrison (SH), Georgina O'Connor (GO), Helen MacNeill (HMc), Leigh Carr (LC), Marie-Louise Thirlaway\* (MLT) Georgina Bean (GB) Alice Alkernley, Heather Stuart. \*=for part

### **1. Treasurers report**

There is over £8400 in the current account and just over £5000 in the savings account.

- a) Aldborough May Day raised £80, thank you so much to the talented face painters. Many families visited our stall and this helps to raise the school's profile.
- b) The circus workshop raised £192 and there is still £170 that was raised by the children who took part in the Spartan Mud run. Thank you very much to Sue Timoney for organising.
- c) Bags to school raised £52, a good result but less than previous collections.
- d) Ice cream Fridays are raising an average of £30 per week
- e) £18 was raised by parents using easyfundraising when online shopping, booking travel etc.

### **Spending**

Portable speaker £234

The drawings for building work and alterations to improve the entrance to increase the safeguarding for children in Early Years have not yet been agreed but the funding has. Due to The Friends being required to fund £10,700 (10% of the cost) of the alterations this would mean that the majority of the current funds will be used so we are going to need to increase fundraising efforts over the coming year.

Funds towards school trips will need to be held back.

Sports tee shirts will be postponed for now.

The drink and snack for sports day will continue to be provided by the Friends.

### **2. Trustees for charity commission**

Many parents who are named as trustees for the charity commission will be leaving the school soon therefore it was agreed as of 5.6.15 to replace Tamara Hartley Emily Bennison, Catherine Slater and Julia Patterson. New trustees have been appointed from the same date as follows: Helen MacNeill, Alice Alkernley, Heather Stuart, Claire Hassall and Tanya Cunningham. Thank you for putting your names forward.

### **3. Forthcoming Events**

#### ***Marston Open Gardens 28<sup>th</sup> June.***

In 2009 School began to have contributions from the money raised from open gardens and due to the building works for school it has been agreed that we will get a donation again this year for which we are very grateful as a school however this is not guaranteed to continue next year as there may be some organisations with a greater need. This year therefore we need to make a huge effort to try and help raise as much money as possible.

- a) Flyers were given out to distribute to local villages
- b) Pupils are taking part in an art competition with a theme of mini beasts which will be judged on a peoples vote.
- c) We are running a tombola so need some prizes please. There is a box in the main reception.
- d) On Friday 26<sup>th</sup> at 9am the tombola prizes will be ticketed, all help will be gratefully received.

e) There will be multiple games for children on the green with possibly some nail painting and tattoos so please could families come and support this worthwhile event. There is a sign-up sheet for helpers.

***Summer BBQ 11<sup>th</sup> July with Auction 4pm***

This is a popular annual event and for just £5 per person (£20 maximum per family) includes BBQ food. New parents due to start in September will be invited (HMA to action). For the auction we currently we have Newby Hall tickets, Punch Bowl Dinner, IT Health Check, Pony Rides, £50 Boden Voucher, Castle Howard Tickets, but it would be great to have some more promises to auction eg babysitter/gardener/cook/car wash/iron etc. A list will be put up for offers. Philippa Cook (Freddie, reception) has very kindly agreed to take on the organisation so please respond asap to the flier in book bags and requests for salads or a stint on the bar/food.

***Friday 11<sup>th</sup> September*** welcome coffee for new parents 9am in school Hall

***Parents Disco 26<sup>th</sup> September:*** this will be held in the village hall, please could everyone put this in their diaries, it is a great event. Theme tbc, but please forward your ideas! 2 or 3 more volunteers will be needed to coordinate with Sally McMurray and Jo Pollock.

***Coffee Morning Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> October*** held in the village Hall, this is again going to be run by the O'Connors and will be match funded again – thank you to Brian O'Connor who works for Barclays. This year there will be a produce stall with Jams/chutneys etc so please save some of your homemade products! There will perhaps be a treasure map – pick a square for £1 but this will be discussed nearer the time.

***Children's Halloween Party 31<sup>st</sup> October*** – needs further discussion.

***Christmas Fair Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> December*** – village hall 11-2pm Turkey sandwiches and drinks and perhaps Christmas puddings, possibly children singing carols or nativity songs, perhaps multi-coloured hampers – different colour theme for each class. Needs further discussion at next meeting back.

**4. Next Friends meetings**

Friday 10<sup>th</sup> July 8.45am school hall

Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> September 7.30pm Punch Bowl Inn