

Friends of the School Meeting 6th November 2017 - Minutes

1. Apologies

- Maria
- Lizzy Matson
- Monique
- Vicky
- Hilary
- Mr Reid
- Emma Rogers

Attendees

- Kerry
- Nicki
- Karen Taylor
- Michelle Baxter
- Paul McCarthy
- Hayley Willerton
- Fran Crampton
- Caroline Sorell
- Alison Booty
- Emma Bennett
- Claire
- Jude
- Laura Day
- Gemma Reed
- Julie Klein
- Sarah
- Steve

2. Clubbercise disco

It was discussed that the ticket sales hasn't been as good as hoped. Sue to be asked to send a text reminder to parents and another reminder to be put on this week's newsletter.

Fran suggested if we sell 50 or less tickets, all children can go in one hall together rather than use both halls.

Ice poles to be purchased to be handed out at the end - Alison volunteered to buy them.

3. Christmas Fayre - 9th December 12-3pm

The 2 poster options were showed to everyone and there was a vote on which design was preferred.

Contacting local businesses for raffle prize donations was discussed;

Nicola emailing out of town companies.

Fran and Sarah have contacts in places in town who they offered to contact those.

Monique to go to town centre shops etc.

Emma Adams spoke to Flamingo, they are happy to donate 2 bouquets but don't want their name associated with them.

A list will be put up in the office to track which businesses have been approached and their response.

Nikita doing brochure.

Fran to contact Steve Hazelgrove regarding Santa. It was also discussed the friends involvement with the people's parade next year and building a better relationship with the rotary club going forward.

The idea of whether a chocolate Santa and reindeer dust was significant enough for the £2.50 entry to grotto and whether cheap presents should be purchased instead. The group voted and felt that chocolate and reindeer dust was good enough.

Jude then showed ideas for the reindeer dust and agreed to make 200.

Aldi to be contacted regarding bulk order of chocolate Santas ASAP in case Spalding store doesn't have enough and other stores need to be visited too.

It was also suggested to go back to the original grotto with walkway as that felt more of an experience for the children for £2.50. Helpers would be needed for this. Speak to Mr Reid as he offered the grotto to be in his room at the last meeting.

Food and refreshments were then discussed. Karen and Alison are sorting it. Suggestions of foods were made. Bakkavor previously donated pizzas - speak to them again to see if that's possible again. The idea of a selection of fruit shoots, flavoured waters and calypso drinks was also discussed as last year fruit shoots were wasted and left around school.

Regarding the Santa shop, it was suggested reception teachers help encouraging younger children with their selections as last year became quite congested.

Games and crafts were then discussed. The school council compiled a list of suggested games and these were read out to the friends. Games used at previous fayres were listed also. The school council also had craft ideas and there are some left over materials from last year that were passed around. E.g Santa stop here hangers for children to colour, baubles to decorate. It was said 50p could be changed for crafts. Some sharpies would need to be purchased. Fran also said she would ask people who have previously done "face art" in school as this is another possibility.

Next Monday, check the shed for what games are in there and then we can go from there with regards to what needs making/organising etc.

The idea of trying to get more parents involved with helping on the day was also talked about with the suggestion of an incentive for the children to try and encourage their parents. The class with the most parent helps could receive extra golden time? To be discussed with Mr Reid.

4. Christmas disco

Karen offered to get fruit and squash.

Laura to organise disco committee - people needed 45 minutes before start to chop fruit.

Fran sorting music. Apple Music and Napster to be looked into as they can be used to play requests and also create playlist for KS1.

5. Heads Report

No heads report was given.

6. Treasurers Report

The friends contribution towards the space centre trip was discussed with regards to this continuing going forward in future years. Everyone agreed this should happen. Approximate cost would be £400-500.

7. Next meeting date

20th November 7pm was agreed.

8. AOB

Raising the profile of the friends and awareness of what they do and contribute was discussed. Jude suggested things that are purchased by the friends e.g new books for reception, could be stamped or stickered to show they have been bought by the friends. When they then go home with children, parents will see and raise awareness of the importance. It was also said the selection boxes could be stickered.