

Friends of Drayton Community Infant School

Meeting of 22nd June 2015

7pm in the staff room

1. Present and Apologies

Present - Claire Bates, Sarah Catten, Angie Crocker, Louise Hunter, Claire Mander, Tracey Bunn, Heather Wilkinson, Philippa Martinez, Rachel Aldred, Melanie Colman, Charlene Nicholls, Zoe Armstrong, Suzie Clare

Apologies - Dan Nicholls, Steve Clare, Donna Brown and Sarah Halliwell.

2. Treasurers Report –

- No expenditure for April.
- Easyfundraising raised £112.54, payment on its way.
- Father's Day Shop – tbc.
- £500.00 already paid towards coaches, another £250.00 agreed to be paid to DCIS.
- Agreed no payment towards activities week.
- Estimate we will need £1,300 to cover expenditure for summer event.
- £178.00 already paid out for waterproofs, estimate £300.00 for All-In-Ones – to be bought in September.

3. Disco –

- Wrist band scheme to be scrapped.
- List of all children in school to be provided where parent has to sign to indicate their child is attending.
- Rachel has suggested having an A-Z Folder, Parents will fill in slips to be brought on the night. Claire M volunteered to file slips into three boxes (1 per year).
- Print up letter before Disco and put on website, with instructions for slip to be brought back on the night.
- Information gathered will be destroyed at the end of each disco.

4. Quiz Night –

- Lindsay and Becky were not present.
- All agreed it was a good night.
- Agreed to leave amount of tables the same.

5. Father's Day Shop –

- Six boxes of chocolate left – to be used in chocolate tombola at BBQ.
- School staff issues raised due to some children becoming upset having no Mother/Father present in their life for various reasons and is a very emotional time for some of the children in school. Friends have asked can we try something else.
Idea raised by Claire M – to try the same as the cake sale for Mother's/ Father's Day to have parents to come in with children after school and for parents to decide if they want to attend. Alternatively do we scrap this altogether and do something else ie Christmas was suggested but discounted as this is too busy a time.
Finally agreed to keep the shop running twice-a-year around Mother's/ Father's Day, but to rename it as just a gift shop and buy more non-specific gifts.

6. Fox Class Cake Sale –

- No more cake bags needed!
- Weather permitting it will be held under the sail.

- Melanie has everything under control.

7. Summer Wild West Event (Friday 10th July) –

- Ticker Sales rota sent round at meeting.
- All classes have been allocated a stall:
 - Mouse – Decorated Envelopes.
 - Owl – Tin Can Shoot-out.
 - Hedgehog – Horse Lasso (agreed to drop as no class rep).
 - Deer – BBQ (meat and rolls all arranged).
 - Rabbit – Bar (trying to find quantities from last year, ALDI, Pimms, Friut, Lemonade, Lager, Beer, Red and White Wines).
 - Fox – Craft Stall (May also take Horse Lasso).
 - Badger – Chocolate Tombola.
 - Squirrel – Sweets and Treats (planning on having some games as well, check with Natalie that games are not the same as already planned).
 - Frog – Bottle Hoopla.
- Rob Holland has agreed to bring a fairground striker (Ring-a-bell). He will hand out small prizes, so will need to charge a small fee to play.
- Premier Sports to provide the opportunity to have a try at fencing for free.
- Other free games suggested
 - Treasure Hunt (no clues to be set near the wild flower area at Claire Bates request).
 - Foosball table.
 - Free Craft table.
- Set up stage for leavers booklet presentation – make it like a graduation this year and have each class presented individually, all stalls to close ready for the presentation to start at 7.30pm.
- Non School Uniform Day (Friday 3rd July) – boxes to be put outside classes to collect chocolate and bottles for Tombolas (store in staff room agreed with Claire Bates).
- Separate Hoopla suggested for adults to win alcoholic prizes.
- Bean Bags to be used for Tin Can Shootout (not water pistols)
- Try to relocate Freddie from under the awning to a more suitable location (weather and electricity supply dependant).
- Idea suggested by Claire Bates to have a 'Parent Helper and Friends' Gazebo with the intention of recruiting new parents with additional skills to offer. Gazebo to be manned by Michael (Chair of Governors) with other Governors and staff to help. Slideshow for School and Board to be created by the Friends to show what we do. Place Gazebo near the bar?
- Mr Frosty Ice-Cream van booked.
- Bouncy Castle tbc (Sarah to chase).
- Taverham Band have requested that they can arrive close to the event start time.
- No cars to be allowed through the front gate, if Taverham Band need to bring equipment by car then they will have to use the side gate by the Sure Start Centre. Ian Coleman to be emailed by Claire Bates – Band to play 5.30 to 6.00pm.
- Louise needs a list of all stalls and prices in order to arrange floats.
- Dan to bring BBQ around 3.00pm.
- Extra help requested for the day. Zoe and Heather can help, Melanie to confirm.
- Agreed with Mrs Bates that stalls can be set up from 1.00pm.
- Cannot find banner – agreed not to buy another one in case original is found.

8. Bike Sheds –

There has just been a discussion with the new maintenance team about removing the current gas tanks and switching to mains gas. A survey will take place on Wednesday 22nd July to check viability.

If viable we can locate the new bike sheds where the existing gas tanks currently are.

The Aviva bid was not successful as not enough votes were obtained. Letter received from Taverham Lions who would have donated £250.00 towards the bike sheds IF we had received the Aviva grant!

Try to get the Dad's involved in making a Bike Shed to reduce the costs involved. Rob, Frank and Paul all very skilled, need to discuss this with them at some point. Wooden structure suggested (similar to the

Nursery Structure), groundwork to be minimal as concrete floor already present for gas tanks, floor to possibly be covered using Astro Turf.

9. Year 2 Leavers Booklets –

- Expected deliver Friday 26th June.

10. Any Other Business –

- Easyfundraising payment method changed to BACS as much easier.
- Spree Books – to be looked into again
- PTA packs for new Parent Evening – Cheryl to arrange and will stand for The Friends and talk on Thursday 16th July. Rachel to help hand out packs if needed.
- Last Friends Meeting also taking place on Thursday 16th of July at 8.00pm to be held at the Drayton Cock.
- Fireworks – To be held on Friday 6th November (check with the City's arranged event) 13th November too late. Sarah is not able to organise event, volunteer required.
- A big thank you from Claire Bates, The Staff and Senior Leaders for all the hard work The Friends do and for all we have achieved for DCIS and the children. We should all be very proud!

Next and last meeting of the school year, Thursday 16th July at the Drayton Cock – 7.30pm to eat ready to start at 8pm.