

Friends of Drayton Community Infant School

Meeting of 17th September 2015

7pm in the staff room

1. Present and Apologies

Present – Sarah Catten, Claire Bates, Angie Crocker, Philippa Martinez, Sarah Halliwell, Claire Mander, Melanie Coleman, Louise Hunter, Denise Slaughter, Rachel Aldred, Suzie Clare

Apologies – Tracey Bunn, Bex Chick, Nicki B, Nik Gordon, Charlene Nicholls, Dan Nicholls, Lindsey Rose

Claire Chilvers and Sarah Taylor have stepped down from the committee.

2. Treasurers Report

July/August income – Summer Fayre £1954.92

Easyfundraising £63.71

Donation from Nursery £2385.58

Additional Expenditure July/August – Leavers brochure £206.00 (Coaches £250.00 paid in June)

End of year accounts to be done. Louise has contacted the same person that we used last year, cost will be approx £200. All agreed for him to do the accounts this year, in time for the AGM.

Louise to get figures for the Summer Fayre so we can look at them in more detail.

3. Spree Books

Denise joined us to talk about the Spree books.

You get less commission from Spree if you don't send out the books first and in experience from doing it at the junior school Denise suggested sales weren't so high.

Spree work on roughly a 10% loss in books not being returned.

A covering letter to be sent out with the books. The Junior School spree books are going out on 18 September, Denise to sort out a letter for us to attach with the books in order to get them out on the same day. All agreed for this to happen.

Books £20 to buy, £5 from each book goes to the school.

Books to be returned by 5 October, letters to parents to say Friday 25 September. Denise to send reminder letters out.

4. Cake Sale

School hall now in use all day on a Friday, so cake sales will move to a Wednesday afternoon.

Next Friends cake sale will be Badger Class Wednesday 14th October.

5. Other fund raisers

Christmas cards - Charlene organised last year. Someone needs to take over if we are going to do these again this year.

Scholastic Book Club – decided not to do this year.

Yellow Moon - Not a big fund raiser but decided to sign up to cover the Christmas period of orders.

Easyfundraising - Needs to be pushed more. Suggested leaflets to go in book bags. Louise to look in to the leaflets.

6. Disco

Next Disco 25 September

Letters have gone out with wristband attached.

Children will not be allowed in unless they have a wristband on – we do have a few spares but would like all children to arrive with them already on.

Suggested opening the doors a bit earlier.

Once in the hall we will have a poster for each class animal and the children will line up in their class for us to take a head count.

7. Class Reps

As yet no class rep co-ordinator.

Mouse – Denise slaughter

Owl - Cheryl Stone

Hedgehog - Emily Bonner

Fox- Zoe Armstrong / Lindsey Rose

Deer- Bex Chick

Rabbit- ? Sophie Chapel

Badger- Tracey B / Donna B

Squirrel - Claire Mander/ Sarah H

Frog- Sarah Brown/ Anna Daniels

8. AGM

AGM to be held on 17 November, 9.15am in the School hall.

Positions needed:

Vice-Chair (Angie will be stepping down)

Treasurer and Vice-Treasurer (to work alongside Louise who will leave next year)

Secretary

9. Cheese and Wine evening

Date Thursday 1st October

Not enough time to apply for a licence, suggested we offer 1 glass of wine per person.

Sarah C has done a draft poster / letter to go out with a slip to be returned by 25th September .

Just for reception parents to introduce them to the Friends.

Need to purchase cheese, crackers, wine, soft drink.

Governors to do a little talk.

Followed by some ice breaker games and then information on the Friends and the things the Friends have done.

10. Claire's Wish List

No specific large item needed at the moment.

Clare spoke about the area outside reception class rooms, maybe additions to existing things like the trim trail, sports equipment, and lunchtime play equipment.

Quiet area.

Claire said that once the school councils have been elected that could be on their agenda to have a think about what would be needed.

Look at doing a simpler wooden structure for a bike shed. Ideal area is where the existing bike shed is and incorporating where the gas tank currently sits, this will depend on the cost to the school to move the gas tank.

Need a few larger sizes for the waterproofs, all agreed to go ahead and purchase the sizes required.

11. Macmillan Coffee Afternoon

To be held on Thursday 24 September.

Sarah has written all the posters.

Now have quite a few helpers.

School will look after money raised.

Help needed to collect cakes Thursday morning and take to the staff room.

12. Fireworks

To be held on Friday 6 November.

Rob is ok to handle the fireworks side of things and has helpers already sorted.

BBQ – to be arranged by year 2.

Flashies – to be organised by reception classes. Nicky to help order.

Drinks – to be arranged by year 1. Suggested Becky and Lindsey.

Ticket price £5 per adult, £2.50 per child under 2yrs, under 5yrs free.

Sub committee meeting for fireworks Tuesday 13 October at the Drayton Cock.

13. Any Other Business

There are some urns on offer at Aldi, agreed that it would be handy to have an extra urn and Philippa is going to arrange for one to be purchased.

Junior School Christmas Fayre – do we sell envelopes at it this year? Still to be agreed on.

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