

## **Friends of School**

## **Milborne St Andrew First School**

## Minutes of Meeting Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> March 2020

**Present:** Natalie Dennis

Marie Chappell Leanne Brown Kate O Kelly Caroline Richards

Clare Pavey Emma Stratton Apologies: Bill Britton

Fran Porter Jenny Diffey Jo Ball

Julianne Notley
Dione Andrews

Agenda item	Details	Action for
1	Apologies received	
2	Minutes of last committee meeting Agreed	
3	Matters Arising £525 raised from the Dorchester Rotary Club Christmas raffle ticket sales. £99.00 raised from sale of Christmas cards.	
4	Treasurers Report Current bank balance is £5247.43. This includes paying for the deposit of the playground equipment. Clothing sale raised £140.00	
5	Clothing sale – Thank you to all that helped and donated items. We did not have a big turn out so there is plenty left to arrange another sale. Majority of the money raised was from sale of refreshments. Suggested that we could arrange another sale at the sports pavilion, at the school or possibility at a school fete if we organise one this summer.  5p Challenge – Aiming to do this as a inter house challenge, starting after the Easter holidays and to run for the summer term. Children to be encouraged to find all their 5p's around the house (with parents permission) and bring to school to be placed in their house bottle.  Matchbox challenge – This will be a sponsored challenge. Suggested this to be the Easter holiday homework. MC to source plain matchboxes that can be decorated. Children to write a list of the items. Prizes to be given for most number of items in the box, best decorated, neatest list, most sponsorship.  Pop up Café – ? at sports pavilion. Arrange for a cycling group/rambling group or similar to add it on to their route on a set weekend date. KO to make some enquiries.  School Lottery – This is an online company; Your School Lottery. It costs £1 a ticket/per week. 40% goes towards the school. When you join you sign up to £4.30 direct debit per month. Weekly draws. Chance to win £25,000. Guaranteed one person within our syndicate to win 30% of our overall tickets sales back each week. Minimum 50 tickets sold overall to be entered.	MC/CR KO

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	It can be opened up to the local community to join, to support the school. All present in agreement. ND to arrange. A small society licence must be obtained from the Local Authority at an initial cost of £40 and annually renewed thereafter for £20. Selling 50 tickets per week will net a weekly income of £20 for FoS. A notice to go in the Reporter, the school newsletter, social media and posters around the village.  Bingo evening – Aware that other charities in the village have previously done this. But could consider later in the year.  Non-school uniform day - to be discussed with SH.	ND MC/ND
6	Play Equipment In progress. Instillation planned for Easter holidays. Grand opening booked in the school diary for first day back after the Easter holidays 20.04.20. ND to contact the Reporter. KO to contact Wessex FM. SC to take drone images as the equipment instillation progresses.	FP/ND/KO
7	Easter Events Refreshments and biscuits to be provided during the morning. Bakers requested – suggested not too much needed due to it being a morning event. Easter biscuits suggested. KO, MC, LB to provide. ND and MC to organise the egg hunt for the children. ND to source the eggs for this and the Easter egg prizes for the egg decorating competition.	MC/ND
8	Maths Cafe Yet to hear back from teachers with a date to do this. MC to ask again.	MC
9	Mayfair/Family Fun day Discussion around when will be best to hold a family event. ? Adding something on to sports day but this may clash with other school activity. Suggested to do a separate weekend event/summer fair, June or early July suggested. Date to be confirmed. Agreed to arrange a separate meeting to discuss – date & venue TBC.	MC
10 & 11	Shed Tidy/Castaway Camp and Pond Tidy Date confirmed with Miss Wittman - 28.03.20. She will make a wish list of jobs for FoS to do. Appeal for donations of materials from local building suppliers and parents.	ND
12	Recycling Clothing bank has been reinstated and is now ready for use, thank you MC for organising this. There is a lock on the bin and the key is held with school reception. The company are aware that they need to come during school hours to empty the bank. MC to inform the company once the bank needs emptying. If there are any problems with the old bank, then the company will replace it.  KQ has organised the ink cartridge recycling box which is in the school reception. This needs advertising more amongst school parents and the local community.	MC LB
13	Year 4 Leavers  MC has already requested for helpers from the current year 4 parents and has had a good response. There will be a separate working party for this. FoS to fund the leavers book and money towards the party.  Discussion around the future of this amount and possibly putting an amount per child rather than per year group as there are big differences in numbers per year group.	MC

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14	A.O.B  Funding Requests 1 — The school have asked for funding towards furnishing a calm down zone — specifically 3 wicker pods costing £480, to be placed in Rabbits, Robins and the sensory rooms. The importance of these was agreed, however not all classes will have one and so it was deemed a lot of money for items that may not benefit all children in the school. We will try to source something similar at a lesser cost. MC to send out requests to local companies for donations.  Funding Request 2 — A request for money towards Primary Connected History, a teaching and learning framework for key stage 1 & 2 at a cost of £96+VAT each (offer price). The School already use Connected Geography which Mrs Gough reports to be brilliant. More information to be requested from Mrs Gough in terms of what this package is, ie online, books, 12month subscription etc?  VE Day Celebrations — 7th May — Mrs Gough has requested input from FoS to help plan and run a party event to round off a week of VE themed activities.  For future FoS spending — The ethos of FoS is for money to benefit all pupils. Discussion around how we can make funding fair for the whole school with regard to sharing funds. It has been suggested that we allocate a specific amount of the overall funds raised, to each class for that teacher/teachers to spend as they see fit, to benefit all the children. It has been suggested that we ask for a 'wishlist' from teachers at the start of the academic year. This needs further discussion.  Coach Hire — ND recently applied to the Damory Community Fund and we have been successful in our bid for up to £200 cost value of coach hire for a possible trip to Poole Lighthouse (or hopefully another trip). In return, Damory will want to issue a press release. ND and Mrs Hosford to coordinate. Thanks to ND for arranging this.	MC ND
15	Date of Next Meeting Friday 24.04.20 13:30-15:00 at school.	

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