



NOTES FROM THE FRIENDS ASSOCIATION MEETING held on 20th May 2014

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Present: Lorraine Allman, Nick Groves, Tim Hall, Jo Rees-Wigmore, Georgie Sayers, Jemma Tawn, Allison Kielczewski, Danielle Bond

Apologies: Jayne Hague, Fran Evans, Liz Whitelaw, Claire Dunstan-Elliott, Jas Cutting, Sophie David, Mark Evans, Tasmin Nash, Kelly McFadden

In the absence of the Secretary, Lorraine took notes and has written these up.

1. Minutes from the last meeting and Actions arising

LA confirmed the Friends constitution had been amended and was now available to download from the Friends web site.

LA confirmed photographs of the 'Our Wonderful World' wall hanging were now published on the Friends web site and Facebook page.

TH (Treasurer) confirmed the current bank balance stands at £1660 after paying out £2 per child for subsidising class trips, and banking the daffodil money.

Date for the diary: Summer Treasure Hunt will not take place on Saturday 12th July. Arrangements and planning for this will take place at the next scheduled Friends meeting

2. Main Item for Discussion – Children's Discos

LA confirmed the dates of the 3 discos for the children during June 2014. (*Note: it was decided to extend the time of the first disco to run an extra ¼ hour to 6.15pm*)

- Disco 1, 11th June, 5.00-6.15pm for Early Years, Reception, and Year 1
- Disco 2, 25th June, 5.00pm-6.15pm for Years 2 and 3.
- Disco 3, 25th June, 6.30pm-7.45pm for Years 4, 5, and 6.

All discos would take place in the school Hall. Charge agreed at £2.50 per child to include food and drink.

ACTION: NG to organise mailing to parents first day back after half term. Replies with money to be returned by Friday 6th June latest.

Theme/Activities

It was decided that each disco would run with a "Country/Wild West" theme. Activities for Disco 1 could be organised in bases to give structure to the time as follows:



- Panning for Gold – use early years sand pit (LA to provide gold coins)
- Pin the Tail on the Donkey – (JRW to purchase from Wilkos)
- Limbo – use skipping rope from school
- Tin Can skittles – use school resources (NR to organise)
- Food to be another 'station'

Spot prizes (glowsticks and other prizes from school Christmas box). Music games such as musical statues could take place too.

Older children's discos on 25th June these would be less structured with just an activity such as the Tin Can skittles. Video footage of the Wild West would be good for these discos too. LA will source.

NG confirmed staff will be in attendance at each disco, so they will be able to help with particular activities and supervision.

ACTION: As above plus GS to source small hay bales; NG to organise spot prizes from school box; LA source suitable video for streaming.

Refreshments

It was decided food at all discos should be the same – hot dogs (including veggie ones), chips, squash, and a cake. JRW will lead on organising what was required in terms of equipment, and purchasing food etc. assisted by JT and others. *(Note CDE has given LA napkins so no need to purchase those).*

JT's dad has kindly offered to supply chips at a reasonable cost on the evening of each disco, and will deliver them directly to the school.

Disco Lights

JT reported that we were unable to borrow lights from her brother however suitable lights have been identified at a cost of £65. School spotlights may be suitable for use in the hall if they can be swivelled, or if not then we should look at purchasing the lights. FE is supplying the disco ball. NG to sort Christmas lights.

ACTION: LA/NG to liaise with JT re lights; NG to sort school Christmas lights

Music

Mark Evans has kindly offered to DJ for the discos on 25th June, using his PA equipment. It was agreed that we should ask him to put a playlist together for all three discos. Mix of pop and nursery music for Disco 1, and suitable contemporary pop for the others.

ACTION: LA to liaise with Mark re playlists.

Helpers

LA has received various offers of help and has started to put a rota together. This can now be updated following the meeting and will be published and circulated.



ACTION: LA to finalise rota and circulate/publish. NG organising staff cover.

5. Any other business

Raffle Prizes - LA reminded everyone we need to start organising raffle prizes for the sports days. She will write to the usual places (Folly Farm, Manor Park etc.) for donations, so please can everyone-else start asking and organising donations from local businesses and organisations where possible.

Chickens/Allotments - JRW asked whether in the light of so much interest being shown in the blue tits at school, and the opportunities for learning it presents, whether the school might consider keeping chickens at some stage. NR advised this isn't really something that is possible due to a variety of health and safety regulations in place for schools. A further suggestion was put forward regarding involvement in an allotment space near the school. NR agreed that JRW investigate possibilities for this and report back.

--The meeting closed at 8.10pm--

If you haven't already done so, please provide Lorraine with your email address and mobile telephone number to enable better communications between the group. Lorraine can be contacted at lorraine@beindemand.co.uk or 07766 415121. Thank you.