

## **Friends of the Mead (FoM) Meeting**

**Wednesday 14.11.18**

### **Minutes**

**Attendance:** Ruth Campbell, Andrew Webster, Kate Glover, Ayme Flay, Anna Paine, Clare Curran, Poonam Magdani, Claire Chattenton, Tammy McIntosh, Emma Moss, Nicola Spencer, Tinka Tschamurov, Shelley Wadsworth, Nicky Roche, Madeline Stolz, Emma Howarth, Alicia Faith, Emma Kent, Sian Haines, Alice Patience, Tamasin Absolon, Katie Lovell, Marion Borrageiro

**Apologies:** Claire Henry

**Welcome** – Reintroduction of the new FoM committee by Emma Kent, which includes herself as Chair, Alice Patience as Vice-Chair, Kate Glover as Treasurer and Tammy McIntosh as Secretary.

- Reminder of Objectives of FoM, running fun events that bring everyone together outside of the classroom to raise fund for FoM, which in turn will be used to enrich and add value to the education of our children above and beyond what the school provides.
- Update from Kate Glover regarding FoM funds, these are available from Kate and the office

### **Winter Fayre**

- Key donation dates for bottles and toys for Secret Santa (Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup>, Thurs 22<sup>nd</sup> and Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> November) to be communicated via ParentMail.
- Cake donations to be delivered on Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> and morning of Sat 24<sup>th</sup>.
- Labelled Jolly Jam Jars to be taken into classrooms, due Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup>.
- Ruth to send ParentMail regarding Christmas Trees from Downingbury Farm.
- In response to request for activities for the older children, a photobooth, slime station and decorate a bauble have been set up.

- Feedback from Tammy regarding parent volunteers for year 2, although 3 classes, they are smaller class size, so suggestion to review stalls allocation as slime station and jolly jam jars are 'high volume' stalls.

### **FoM Funding Projects**

- Gymnastics equipment (vault and springboard) approved.
- 3D printer, was suggested by Clare Curran for her husband to send email to Mrs Wilson as new generation printers coming out, which will mean the old generation will be cheaper if she still wants to go down this route.
- Suggestion by Shelley Wadsworth to create a display board with fund raising goals and ideas. Ruth to put a display in reception at Xmas fayre to show what the funds raised will be spent on.
- Claire Henry raised the issue of fencing/nets around new astro. Mr Webster confirmed nets will be put in during the Christmas holidays.
- FoM still investigating seating options for astro.

### **FoM Logo**

- New logo was voted in by a narrow margin (11/10), will be announced in January 2019.

### **Potential Future Events**

- Tammy offered to run a Quiz Night, looking at February or March at school. All present agreed they were in support of this event. Details to follow.
- Own Clothes Day once a term, easy fundraiser and children enjoy.
- Kate Glover to run a Glow Disco in the Spring Term.
- Easter event was discussed, suggested no Easter bonnets but instead arts and crafts type event. Further discussion to follow. Alice Patience to run.
- Summer Fayre - Discussion regarding a ticketed Summer Fayre and separating it from Sports Day. Agreed this is a good idea. Discussion regarding music at the Summer Fayre, school choir, external band, asking

parents and children to get involved. Will look into detail next year and for ideas and volunteers. Marion Borrageiro, Claire Curran and Shelley Wadsworth said they would consider volunteering to form a sub-committee.

- Further suggestions for events – Fashion show, Run + potential Dog walk day (to be organised by Claire Henry).

### **Constitution**

- The constitution needs updating, Exec will review in December and an updated Constitution to be presented at January meeting for voting.

### **AOB**

- Lighting at the school gate isn't working effectively, Ruth to raise with Rebecca. *(Update: this has now been actioned by the school)*
- School uniform labelling policy questioned. Ruth to check with Andrew. *(Update: this has now been actioned – information added on school website, uniform page)*

**Next FoM meeting 16 January 2019**