

Friends of Westgate Meeting

Wednesday 11th January 2016

The Fleece, Otley

1) Introduction and Apologies

Present: Kevin Jacobs, Zoe Hollis, Karen Mellor (acting chair), Joanne Hattersley, Victoria Murfield, Hannah Morley, Matthew Fortune

Apologies: Sarah Drake, Charlotte Evans, Serena Lunn, Kate Davies, Jean & Gavin Parry, Helen Carpenter.

2) Approval of Minutes of Last Meeting.

- I. Reviewed and approved

3) Review of recent Events

- I. **Christmas cards.** This made £269.50 which is similar to previous years. Thanks to Sarah for organising this year.
- II. **Roller Racing.** This raised £1658.84. Children enjoyed the event and prizes were handed out in assembly. A great success, surprisingly large sponsorships from some children. The total has been split between FOW and Children in Need.
- III. **Christmas Presents/Santa.** Whistle and Santa beard presents well received. Less than £1 per child cost for this. Need to consider wrapping presents earlier as there were very few opportunities or helpers available. Thanks to Kevin, Victoria and relatives for wrapping.
- IV. **Victorian Fair.** This made £643.90. Ran out of wine at about 5.30 and chocolate prizes ran out too relatively early. Note for next year that 90*750ml bottles were used but there is risk of the weather leading to not selling as much. To increase chocolate contributions Joanne suggested rewarding bringing in chocolate by having each contribution get a raffle ticket to win a prize of some form. Kevin will discuss with Jean; there is a possibility of the packed lunch policy and chocolate donation being a conflict.
- V. **Christmas film night.** This made £124.40. Successful evening but some audio issues. The children liked the nativity but perhaps the timing was a busy period as there could have been more children. Could be moved to the start of December to avoid overlap with other events. Animation may be better than real people, more action and visuals rather than lots of dialog.

4) Forthcoming events

- I. **Beetle drive:** Helen proposes 24th February?
- II. **New parents evening @ Stew & Oyster:** Response is that they can do any daytime or an evening on 18th Jan but this is too soon. Kevin to discuss further with S&O. Ensure to include nursery parents as well as reception onwards.

- III. **Easter Fayre.** To run on 25th Mar. Organising: Karen, Cath Hodgson, Louise Prenga, Kate Davies. Hannah to source some raffle prizes round Otley; Zoe offered a pottery plate.
- IV. **Easter bunny.** The usual chocolate treat will be bought. Thu 30th March for Easter bunny visit. Need an easter bunny! Potentially ask if any of the supermarkets would sell eggs with the equivalent of staff discount applied.
- V. **Carnival.** Zoe is leading and will gather extra volunteers along the way. This will ramp up when a theme is settled.

5) AOB

- I. **Toy Library.** Miss Robinson is happy to do morning sessions but need cover for afternoon. The toys are still in reasonable condition. Sarah to email out.
- II. **Film Night- Summer version.** Hannah is happy to look at doing a summer film night.
- III. **End of year disco.** Need to plan this, just here as a reminder. Need to consider Y6 leavers play and party too.
- IV. **Mail list for FOW.** Dave commented via email that the new mailing list is ready to go just needs to know who to give access to.
- V. **Cubetto.** Jean commented via email that cubetto is now in school and being evaluated and used by the Computing subject leader, Katy Senior.
- VI. **Financial update.** Current balance is roughly £9500.
 - i. **Considering ipads.** Helen is reviewing the options and making sure whatever is bought has good support.
 - ii. **School kit for sports clubs.** The teams representing westgate stand out (or not as the case may be) when arriving without a matching school kit. The cost of this should not be huge. Need to find prices.
 - iii. **Covered storage area for bikes and scooters.** Karen points out that scooters get wet in the day and children don't always want to ride them home with wet foam handles; also new scooters are less likely to be left in the rain. Ask Mr Wardman to propose location and feasibility via Helen. Goal is to keep them dry.

6) Next meeting

- I. **7:30pm Thu 9th Mar 2017 at the fleece pub**