

Friends of Westgate Meeting

13/01/2016 7.30pm (Fleece Pub)

- 1) Chaired by Sarah Drake. **Present**; Helen Carpenter, Joanne Hattersley, Victoria Mirfield, Cath Hodgson, Andrew Ross, Hannah Morley, Kevin Jacobs and Karen Mellor.
Apologies from Charlotte Evans, Debbie Parapia, Liz Bownes and **Welcome** to Cath Hodgson.

- 2) **Approval of Minutes of Last Meeting.** Approved with no amendments.

- 3) **Matters Arising.**
- i) Year 6 yearbook. Sam and Austin Kelly have agreed to continue for 2016.
 - ii) Bank Account. JH and KJ are now added to the signatories.
 - iii) Fashion Show. SD will discuss further details with Helen Jackson and see if can go ahead in the summer term. It will be an evening event but need to avoid clashing with test week, run up to SATS, residentials and PHGS induction

- 4) **Recent Events.**
- i) **Beetle Drive. 20/11.** Lots of fun but uptake could be better and ideas of how to promote in future were discussed. £87.12 was raised but it is a social rather than fund raising event.
 - ii) **Victorian Fayre.** This was very successful (approx. £844 profit) and the idea of a chocolate tombola worked well. There will need to be a new source found for mulled wine in future. The rota did have gaps in it so more help would be welcome in future even for half an hour. Also the donated cake was stunning but probably did not raise as much as it may have done at a separate event e.g. raffle tickets at Christmas performances or displayed at Easter Fayre.

iii) **Christmas Cards.** Thank you very much to Liz Bownes for another successful year. £265 raised and people seem to enjoy the variety of cards, mugs etc. on offer.

iv) **Christmas Presents.** The children liked the presents. Thanks to Laura Martin for organising and hosting the wrapping and thank you in advance to Karen Mellor who has agreed to take lead in 2016. (Baker Ross is possible company to use)

v) **Uniform Sale.** HC will liaise with Gail Brogden about the next date towards the end of half term. Donations continue to be welcomed.

vi) **Toy Library.** Run by SD and Helen Jackson in KS1 shared area after school once a week. There are lots of games available to borrow. There has been a lack of interest so far and suggestions were made

to hold outside if weather good and also to put up some signs, "Toy Library This Way" to promote.

vii) Savings Club. Run by KM (thank you). Slow start so far but early days. This was a School Council suggestion and is really good to see this develop.

5) Forthcoming Events. **i) Pantomime.** 24 tickets have been sold so the threshold of 50 in order to get free transport was not reached. However this was very much a last minute idea this year and the feeling is that if information is given out earlier next time and also on a hard copy to take home rather than just attached to the newsletter, then uptake will be better.

ii) School Disco. Laurel Chambers leading and all arrangements in hand. There has been a price increase this year but still good value. HC will check the details have been emailed to nursery.

iii) Film Night. HM has been researching the licence and there is an annual cost of £97.50 which covers period from April to April. It was therefore decided to wait until 1st April this year to ensure we get full value from the licence and plan for our first Film Night in April/May. (? 28th April).

Debate was had whether it should be straight after school but decision made to hold later after Woosh have finished in the Hall. Pricing will probably be £3 /child with £5 family ticket and include drink and popcorn. Details to be finalised at next meeting.

6) Any Other Business. **i) Easter Fayre. (19/03)** This is FoW big fundraiser so any offers of help but also by coming to support the event is really appreciated. SD has sent a group email asking for help in sourcing raffle prizes. The Easter Fayre committee will be coming to the next meeting to discuss further. The Toy Sale is traditionally held separately prior to the main event and details will be sent out about this and also when donations of toys, bottles for bottle stall, cakes for cake stall and tombola prizes can be brought in.

ii) FoW do not usually hold a cake stall this term.

iii) Year 5 and School Council have approached FoW via HC asking if we can help with additional resources for quieter lunch time activities. Suggestions include blankets to snuggle under to read and chat and FoW have agreed to help fund this excellent idea.

iv) KJ thanked the PTA from Farnley School for their recent donation of £8.33. The school has now closed and any remaining funds from their PTA were distributed to the remaining Otley primary schools.

Date of Next Meeting. **Wednesday 24th February 2016.** Fleece Pub, Otley. **All very welcome.**