



Friends Meeting Minutes – 20/07/16

Attendees: Caroline Robertson, Mary Brophy, Adele Forrest, Louise Garrett, Christina Flynn, Emma Courtman, Maribel Skelly.

Apologies: Jennie Sexton. Michelle Parfremment, Sarah Selwood, Fiona Feltham, Mira Percy, Andrea Pratt, Angie Elphick.

Item	Notes	Actions/Who
1. New Parents Newsletter	Maribel has drafted a newsletter to be issued to new parents at the start of next term which provides information on the Friends' activities, dates of upcoming events, the role of class reps etc.	Maribel to prepare the newsletter for issue in September.
2. Downs Way Ball	Mira has done some further research on Coltsford Mill as a possible venue for a Downs Way Ball with some estimated costings. It was agreed that we will consider this further at the next meeting. We would need to have sufficient interest to make it worthwhile and finalise costs/ticket price. As this is something we have not done in recent years it was suggested that we could possibly "test the market" by having a parents "School Disco" as a pre-cursor to establish the level of interest in social events of this nature (see below).	To discuss further at next meeting.
3. Parents "School Disco"	The possibility of holding a parents "School Disco" at a local venue was discussed, perhaps at the Oxted British Legion. Fancy dress and retro tunes. If we decide to pursue this a sub-committee will be required to take this forward. A date in November was suggested (12 November?).	To discuss further at next meeting.
4. Children's Disco	It would be good to fit one of these in before the October half-term. A date of 15 October was suggested. It could have a Halloween theme.	Maribel/Emma/Louise to check possible date with school.
5. Circus Skills	Emma has someone lined up to offer a Circus Skills session for the children. Hopefully this can be booked for the autumn term.	Emma to enquire with school as to possible dates.
6. Christmas Fayre	We need to get a date fixed for this. 3 December?	Maribel/Emma/Louise to check possible date with school.
7. "Bag2School" Clothing Collection	We will try and organise another clothing collection for just after the October half term. 1 November? There are 2 bags of clothes in the shed that can be	Christina Flynn to arrange suitable date and liaise with school to agree this.

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	included in the next collection.	
8. Chair roles	Maribel, Emma and Louise will be stepping down from their roles as joint chairs of the Friends at the AGM next term. They have all worked really hard this year for which we are very grateful.	Election of replacement Chair/s at AGM.
9. AOB	<p>Friends AGM – this will take place sometime in September (w/c 26 September?) when hopefully we will be joined by some of the new parents. Friends Roles, activities, finances etc will be discussed at that meeting.</p> <p>Ideas for future activities/expenditure:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The possibility of having a session from visiting Masai Mara tribe members was suggested as this would fit in with the learning some of the children have been doing on Africa. This is something that other schools have enjoyed. - It would be nice to replace the shade canopy that has fallen into disrepair. - Astroturf or similar under some of the play equipment? - Gym mats? <p>Carnival - despite the atrocious weather this was a fun event. Thanks to all who contributed time and effort to make this happen especially Maribel, Stephen and Rory who worked tirelessly to prepare the costumes/mystery machine. It was agreed that as a small gesture of thanks the lager left over from the quiz night would be offered to Stephen and Rory.</p>	<p>Maribel/Emma/Louise to arrange date of AGM.</p> <p>Christina Flynn to look into this.</p> <p>To be discussed at next meeting.</p>

Date of next meeting - TBC