

Minutes of the Friends Meeting 29th January 2016

Present: Nina, Alison, Lou, Sarah, Penny.

Apologies: Rachel, Linzi, Vicky, Anna.

Minutes from the last meeting:

- As yet we have no definite date for a bingo at Woodlands, Rillington, so are booking one at the Railway club.
- Reusable shopping bags, a massive success with 45 bags being sold so far, friends will profit from each bag sold.
- We have no further news on the Mother's Day fund-raiser at the Dawnay Arms, but will be selling a squares board at the Mother's Day lunch at school.
- Minutes were signed.

Review of Christmas events:

- Wow! We raised a good amount from our raffle, tombola and drinks on the play night, many thanks to all who worked tirelessly at everyone's busiest time of the year...the money raised will benefit all of our children immensely!!
- The Christmas cards the children designed sold well, but in future years would benefit from having more time spent on them. (It was a rushed idea we know!!)
- The end of term Christmas party was enjoyed by all the children, special thanks to Vicky, Lou, Alison and Julie for their hard work and efforts!! A new music system is required for next time please.....

Upcoming events:

- Valentines disco, snacks, drinks and sweets are all sorted. Lou, Sarah, Penny and Nina to meet at school on the Friday to organise!
- Mothers Day Lunch - School will be hosting, friends will be selling a squares board to win a plant (donated by Anna Roger) and chocolates.
- Topic Landing at school 17th March - Volunteers needed to serve refreshments and sell squares again....please see Nina or Sarah if you can help!
- Railway club bingo we should have a date soon, invitations will be sent to parents as the last one was poorly attended. A non-uniform day for prizes will be held. More details to follow.
- Bags to school, we are using a different company this year, Starlight children's charity, who pay more for bags of items donated. Our 1st collection is Monday 18th April, so please everyone have a good sort out over the Easter holidays.
- Easter, we will have a children's colouring competition, 50p per entry with a prize for each year group.
- Pennies in a bottle to be brought into school for the final count on/before Friday 12th Feb. Lou will provide a poster to be included in the newsletter dated 5th Feb.

AOB:

- We discussed the idea of hosting a quiz night, we will send out a questionnaire to see if this is something people are interested in.

- School have purchased a new stage for the children to perform on. Friends will be making a significant contribution towards this.
- The £60 PTA insurance has been paid for the year.
- Sports kits - Friends would welcome the idea of sponsoring a new sport strip for the school, more discussion will be held after investigations into suppliers/cost have been made!!

Phew what a busy meeting.....

Please feel free to join us for the next one **FRIDAY 15TH APRIL at 2pm** for coffee, new faces always welcome.....