



Minutes of Friends of Allerton Meeting 20 March 2017, 7pm, Sainsburys Moortown Cafe

Present: Johanna Oxley
Michaela Chambers
Kathryn Ingold
Yvonne Dyal
Natalie Bell
Pascale Fotherby
Kathryn Davis
Sarah Clark
Jess Wright
Susan Sykes

Apologies: Nessa Nedd, Shamim Ahmed, Liz Willis

Bingo – very successful, approx. 60 people attended and raised just over £100 which is good considering the initial outlay. Great to have so many staff in attendance, their support was Next time, make it clear that it is for both children & adults and maybe have an activity for the little ones when their attention wanders – colouring in or Lego on a gym mat.

Fairtrade café – also very successful considering the number of people who attended. We did not receive many bake off entries but it was not heavily publicised. People enjoyed it and we raised £109.65. We will make a £50 donation to Fairtrade.

Update on story sacks – Helen Whiteley has chosen some, MC will order bits for one from Amazon, then we'll wait until April to order the others through school to save the VAT.

Parent's evening Raffles – JO to ask Toni Masterson whether her boss would like to donate a hamper. If not we will make one.

Hungry Hometime on 31st March – we have some chocolate biscuits that will be on sale but if Friends fancy making Easter nests we will sell them too as they were very popular last year.

Summer fair – will be in conjunction with Enterprise week again as it was so successful last year. We will need an adult for every stall from 2.45! Last year some were left unattended at the start. Y6 did a lot of stalls last year, maybe if they are really keen we could suggest they help the younger children.

Tombola – non uniform day in exchange for prizes



Ask about using the café that day for refreshments – will free up space in the hall.

OOSC could have a stall?

There will be a cake stall as well.

Alcohol stall? These raise a lot of money at other schools' fairs, but we have kept away from them because of the diversity of cultures and religions we have in school.

Sean, the new caretaker, might be able to help with a fundraising activity eg pulling children round the playground.

Could a fire engine come along?

Make a list of possible stalls to give classes ideas.

MC to send an email to staff before Easter so that Enterprise week is in their minds.

JO to email Liz Willis about Y6, non uniform day, using the café (as OOSC are usually in there)

AOB: JO will step down as Chair at the end of this academic year but will support the new Chair. MC would like to step down as Treasurer this year or next year so that she can have a handover year with the new role holder.

To promote Friends to new members, we could have flyers to give out at all events. Friends could also have tshirts so that they are easily recognisable at events.

We will need to get the date for the New Parents Evening. JO to ask EW.

The roads around school are always really busy and people show very little road sense at pick up and drop off – is there anything Friends can do? This has also been raised within school and the Highways Agency are looking into it. They are also investigating having a lollipop person.

Walking buses from Lingfield Hill and the Park and Ride would be good – Friends could possibly run these but there would need to be a lot of volunteers. SC to look at another school where she has seen it done. Lisa Horsley has offered to help outside school before, so might be willing to help with this.

Could we have an evening disco? We have not had the staff to run an evening event until the Bingo recently, but can look into this for the future. There is also the issue of someone being around to lock the school up afterwards.

The school population is changing so more evening events would allow parents who work and can't usually attend to come along.

Support from school has increased since we started putting our calendar of events together for a full year at a time, then letting staff know before the end



of the academic year.

We should invite Helen Stott, Jo Linsley or Liz Willis to our meetings every so often so that they can see who's involved and what we're trying to do. However Liz Willis often comes along and is very supportive.

Next meeting will be on 24th April.