



# St Mary's Church of England C.E Primary School

## Friends of St Mary's

### Friends of St Mary's Meeting – Friday 27<sup>th</sup> January 2017

Attendees: Merryn Wing, Laura Russell, Sally Andrews-Duke, Julie Kyle, Christine

Treasurers Report – We have a grand total of £3697.69 in the bank at the moment, which is amazing. We do need to make a payment to the school for the Projector which the Friends money raised is going towards – the amount owing for that is £1175.00 – there will be a presentation of the cheque to the school from the Friend of St Mary's on Friday 10th February.

We briefly discussed PE Kits for the school, for when they do the cross country or other sporting events – Julie was going to speak to Miss Clay – to see if she has an input into what sort she would like, whether it would be just t-shirts, sweatshirts or a full PE kit – we would need a range of various sizes to cover different year groups. **Action: Julie to Speak to Miss Clay**, Laura is going to get some prices from a contact she knows for t-shirts – then we can hopefully get some on order – the friends have agreed to pay for these.

We have agreed on some dates for the diary – this year we decided to try & hit it hard and get some more fun events across the months, initially to help raise more funds, but to also provide the children some fun things to look forward to – we are also trying to get more people interested in helping us along the way to put on these events.

#### **Friday 24th February – Children's Film Night**

Time not agreed as yet but I suspect it's likely to be around 4pm – 7pm – Friends will provide film, popcorn & Juices – we also thought maybe we could do a Milkshake & Biscuit once film has finished.

We will need to send out a reply slip, just so we know how many children (possibly) parents will be attending.

#### **31st March – Parents Quiz Night**

We did one of these a few years back & it was pretty successful, no details as yet reference times – but it will be a Bring Your Own Drink, we will provide some snacks – this time we wondered if we may be able to get a few more parents coming – by maybe offering a few different "Tasting" meals – we thought we would see if we could maybe get a curry made, a polish dish & then offer something like a lasagne.

#### **6th April – Children's Easter Discos (All Year)**

No times as yet, but I suspect it will be similar to past events – there will be a ticket charge of £1, with sweets, refreshments, hot dogs, glow sticks on offer for a small price. Reply slip, so parents can give us contact info, so they can just drop children off.

Nursery, Reception & Year 1 – 3.30pm – 4.15pm

Year 2, 3, 4 – 4.30pm – 5.15pm

Year 5,6 – 5.30pm – 6.15pm

#### **19th May – Children's Games Night**

No times as yet

We thought it might be an idea to just do a fun games night – where the kids can play various games and have a bit of fun (parents can come along & join in to!) We might offer prizes on some of the games to make it bit more fun!

We will put food on offer, maybe something like Sausage Chips & Chicken Nuggets.



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### 17th June – Summer Fayre

\*Martial Arts, Maybe try & see if we can get a dance troupe involved\*

Details to be confirmed near the time!

**Action: Office to let us have a letter for us to start getting in Raffle Prizes for the Summer Fayre**

Before Julie joined our meeting we discussed the issue of the Gazebo which was damaged last year, it was agreed in a previous meeting with Mrs Woods, that the school would pay for a new one – We have been offered a really nice one for £100, so do you want us to get a receipt for this & pass on to the school for payment or do you want us to pay and then you reimburse us? **ACTION: Mrs Woods to agree.**

We have been discussing recruitment, which is still a massive issue for us – although we have a couple of people on board that can't come along to meetings but have offered to help – but we just want to try & get some involvement from more of our international parents – I think we maybe need to get something maybe translating just explaining who we are & see if that helps in breaking some barriers down. We are going to get some sort of portable notice board, to pin details on off past events, monies raised etc. We are also going to get some t-shirts with our names printed on, so people can see who we are at events.

No Other Business

**Date of Next Meeting (Not agreed yet!)**