



Friends Meeting 30/04/2018



Items discussed

Meeting attendees:

Emma Batchelor (EB)
Vicky Crocker (VC)
Rebecca Finlay (RF)
Lawrence Groves (LG)
Floortje Hoette (FH)
Georgina Solley (GS)
Carey Tucker (CT)

Summer Event (Barn dance) Barn kindly offered by Mr. and Mrs. Solley (July 7)

Tickets for the Barn Dance are now on sale at £30 per head, including beer, wine and hog roast.

GS confirmed that there will be a vegetarian option available.

EB to liaise with the school to promote ticket sales by letter to parents, advertising via the blackboard at the school entrance and putting up posters around the school.

Sports Day – Nursery, June 18 Main school, June 21

Dates for the Sports Days were confirmed. VC requested help for assisting with providing refreshments at the Nursery Sports Day.

LG raised feedback from the parent survey where someone had raised a concern with serving alcohol at school functions. The feedback was discussed in detail and it was agreed that, due to the popularity of the Pimms and mulled wine outlets, the Friends would continue to offer alcohol at social events (including the Main School Sports Day).

Summer Fair – July 1

Stalls for the summer fair were discussed, including: go carts; bouncy castle; Sumo suits; test your strength; face painting; falconry experience; tug of war; produce tent; BBQ; Forrest School; raffle; house stalls.

EB/VC to put together a list and an action plan for the fair and Friends group to enlist volunteers to help man the stalls etc. Rebecca Smith has handed over the event plan from previous years and volunteered to help run the raffle and produce tent.

FH to liaise with the Mr Ainsworth regarding to see if the choir would like to perform at the Fair.

Accounts

FH raised issue of current need to use cheques to pay for everything from the Friends bank account and requested agreement to move to Internet banking to for speed and efficiency. This was agreed. FH to liaise with the bank to sign up for Internet Banking access.

FH also discussed the potential for introducing a token-based payment system for Friends events, in order to avoid the need to transport, secure and bank large amounts of cash for events such as the Summer Fair etc. The idea proposed was that parent can purchase tokens for use at all Friends events instead of needing cash. FH to investigate the practicalities of introducing the system and present them to the Friends group and School management team for discussion.

Other fundraising ideas

It was agreed that the Friends can go ahead with the Phil the Bag scheme as LG confirmed that the bags could be temporarily stored in Guildford Hall before collection. EB to liaise with the Phil the Bag organisers to book a date for collection.

EB discussed the possibility of using the EasyFundraising online payment scheme. EB and FH to investigate and present to Friends for discussion.

100 Club

FH confirmed that the latest winners of the 100 club had been issued with a cheque for their winnings.

Wine and Wisdom

FH confirmed that £300 had been raised during the Wine and Wisdom (WW) evening. Feedback from those who attended the event was very positive, although it was agreed that future WW events should have shorter rounds and include answers to questions. It was also agreed that the quality of the food at the event had been very high and that future WW events should consider raising the ticket price to £10 p/p.

Next meeting date

TBC
