

FRIENDS OF MILL HILL

Minutes of Meeting Held on 12 October 2013

Present:

Jenna Ford (JF) - Chair
Natasha O'Connor (NO) - Secretary
Kelly Prior (KP) - Treasurer
Jackie Howard (JH)
Vicky Pilbeam (VP)
Tracie Jackson (TJ)
Angela Mihell (AM)

Apologies:

None

JF opened the meeting by expressing her delight that 4 of the 5 benches have been put in, TJ has offered to paint them and will be arranging this shortly and when the weather is better. The 5th bench is just awaiting confirmation of where it is to be placed from the Year 1 teachers.

Macmillan Coffee Morning was a great success and raised approx. £140.00 for the charity, thanks to all who was involved in helping on the morning.

Halloween Event

Games were discussed and it was agreed:

Witches hat ring toss 20p for 2 tries

All other games to be 20p a go.

Towels are required for the pick their brains games so that the children can dry their hands afterwards.

Discussion of whether to give the pumpkin away as the prize on guess the weight of the pumpkin. Agreed to give it away as the prize, uncarved, with a carving Kit or something else Halloween related.

TJ has offered to run the refreshments stall with 1 other volunteer (name TBC). We are selling cold drinks and cakes.

JF advised in total we need 10 volunteers so if any members of the PTA can assist, it would be greatly appreciated.

AM and VP volunteered to run the Guess the Sweets game and Guess the Weight of the Pumpkin game.

JF will put a poster up in the staff room asking for assistance from teachers and LSAs.

JF advised that JH and her mum (Thelma) may be able to assist)

Shopping Evening

Plans are coming together for the shopping evening that NO is arranging for the 8 November. NO asked that if members of the PTA are available to come and assist during the evening then it would be greatly appreciated. They are not required to run a stall, we have stalls covered, but to assist in possibly covering toilet breaks and simply introducing themselves to the many stallholders we have attending would be a nice idea.

We do need to arrange first aid for the night.

Children in Need

Confirmation that the school will be arranging a pyjama day for the children and they can bring in loose change to fill their "Pudsey Pot" – the class with the most loose change will win a cake and squash for their afternoon snack.

KP confirmed she will make the cake.

Christmas Disco

The DJ has been booked for Thursday 5th December, they are Funkey Beetz and are 2 ladies who offer a disco and party games for £110.00. Time 5pm -7pm.

Agreed price is £1.50 per ticket inc unlimited squash. Hot dogs for 50p and confectionary available on the night. JF and NO's granddad and auntie have volunteered to run the refreshment stall again.

After lengthy discussion, it was agreed that TJ will man the door and children will not be allowed to leave the event unless a responsible adult over the age of 16 years has come to collect them, due to the time the event finishes (with it being dark and there being no crossing patrol available at that time of night).

Christmas Fayre

The Christmas Fayre was touched on but will be dealt with in more detail at the next meeting.

It has been booked for the 14 December (Saturday). Teachers are aware of this date, as it was agreed before the summer.

KP has arranged for Adam from Mill Hill Nursery to be Santa. KP to double check and make sure Adam is 100% definite for this. In return the PTA have agreed to sponsor him £20 for the Great South Run.

TJ and VP will organise the grotto. Possibly year 5 and 6 have the grotto as their "class stall" as each class will run a class stall in their own classrooms, preference is not to use upstairs as it is not accessible to all, so offer them to run the grotto. JF confirming it is for the teachers to organise their stalls and to arrange children to attend during the day (maybe suggest 10

minute intervals during the day) to assist running the stall. However teacher and LSA are asked to attend and man their stall for the entire event. (If year 5 and 6 agree to run the grotto, they can make decorations for it, and take the money on the door of the grotto).

JF confirmed we have already received 8 raffle prizes back from business she has written to, and confirmed that a Year 2 mum has managed to get a family ticket for Spinnaker Tower also.

AOB

Lockable notice board will be going up in the playground shortly where we can put posters, etc, on behalf of the PTA for parents who may not have internet access.

Dates for all events can be found on the website.

Next meeting agreed for Friday 8 November 2013 at 2.00 pm.