

Friends of Mill Hill

Minutes

20 September 2013

Present:

Jenna Ford (JF)

Natasha O'Connor (NO)

Kelly Prior (KP)

Vicky Pilbeam (VP)

Two new year 1 parents (Names TBC)

Apologies:

Kate Rawdings (KR)

Angela Mihell (AM)

Farzana Khan (FK)

Hannah Jackson (HJ)

Tracie Jackson (TJ)

Jacqui Howard (JH)

JF opened the meeting by thanking everyone for coming.

Macmillan Coffee Morning

27 September. This has been organized on the suggestion by Yvonne Dixon. It is open to the local community and will take place from 9 – 12 noon. Some parents are making cakes to bring in, as are staff. The Friends were asked to pop in and help if they are able to.

Halloween Event

24 October. Children to dress up for school for £1 and can go straight into the hall after school with their parents and siblings for the Halloween event where there will be games and snacks.

Suggested games:

Wrap the mummies – game of speed at wrapping toilet roll round 2 adults

Guess the items – in bowlful of slime

Other suggestions for games needed.

Hot dogs to be served again at 50p each – we need someone to run this.

Christmas Shopping Evening

8 November. NO has contacted a selection of local small businesses who would like a stall at our shopping evening, to run from 6 – 8 pm. Stallholders being charged £5.00 per table; free entry although donation bucket will be out for donations. VP mentioned hot dogs and it was agreed that they always go down well, so we shall offer them at this event. Anyone who can help on the evening to contact the Friends.

Children in Need

15 November. Pajama day being organized by the school. Children asked to bring in their loose change to fill their class's "Pudsey Pot", rather than £1. The class with the most will win a cake and

drink – KP suggested fizzy; however, some parents may not be happy with their children having fizzy so it may be better to stick to squash.

Xmas Disco

5 December. Funkey Beetz have been contacted and can do that date for a charge of £110.00 for 2 hours. Party games are included. It was agreed that this was a good price as the cost of an entertainer alone is of a similar price. KP to provide JF with holding deposit of £55.00 to pay Funkey Beetz.

Xmas Fayre

We need a Santa. Mr Simpson is booked up. Kelly suggested Kirsty from the top nursery has a relative who is happy to play the part. Mrs Hatherley had suggested to JF asking Andy the maintenance man from the Children's Centre, as he is usually happy to play the part. The Children's Centre also has a grotto which we are hoping to borrow. VP knows Andy and so will approach him and the Centre to see if we can use him and their grotto. Agreed it was preferable to have someone already CRB checked. Xmas fayre will be from 11 – 3; Santa's Grotto will be opened 12-2. Agreed the price of £1.00 per child for a chat with Santa and a pressie. Photos were done last time but agreed this time as it is a Saturday it would be easier not to offer photos. Parents welcome to take photos though.

Facebook Group

A closed Facebook Group will be opened for the Friends of Mill Hill to enable us to communicate with each other and keep up together with what's going on. Anyone who is not on Facebook, JF will email. As it is a closed group, members have to request to be joined, which will stop any unwanted comments.

Rag Bag

Angela Mihell will take clothes/rags and go through them, save them up and recycle them with either Rag Bag or Cash for Clothes. Reminder to go out to parents.

Penny Pinching Puppy

It was agreed to introduce the penny pinching puppy in the new year, with a view to each class collecting their loose change to try and win the puppy toy, each term. It was suggested by VP that maybe we look at each "house" collecting money and winning the teddy as they don't seem to do a lot in their houses save sorts day. Further discussion about this in the winter term.

Chocoholics

NO advising that we have got together with Chocoholics to fund raise for the school. We will be sending letters to parents on Monday and catalogues will be available for collection from the school office. Whatever commission we make we will take in chocolate to sell at the Shopping Evening or Christmas Fair.

Next meeting Friday 11th October 2013