The Firs Lower School

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Firs Lower School PTA Meeting Minutes – 8 January 2019

Attendees

Jo Freeman Danine Maskill Angela Abbott Celia Bennett

Adam Campbell Lidia Haitink

Apologies

Heidi WoodheadVicki McQueenKathryn HartAnita WilsonHelen PearsonRebecca EllisRebecca RandleTanya Moffett

Helen Rossetti

Events / Actions

What	When	Who
1. UPDATE ON RECENT EVENTS		
CRAFT FAIR • Went brilliantly – thanks to Heidi for all her forward planning and to all the helpers on the day • Raised a record £866 CHRISTMAS CARDS • raised a record £584 – well done Danine!		
CHRISTMAS PERFORMANCES • raised c. £650 FUNDS RAISED • In total in the Autumn term we raised about £2500 on top of the		
ball – great work everyone! 2. FUTURE EVENTS FILM NIGHT		
 To take place on 1st Feb – Rebecca and Tanya to own Letter to go out this week Publish date in newsletter Already published on Facebook page Let office know if any photocopying is required Let Ellen Ashby know what technology is needed to show film Confirm with Bex Kirkup how it has all work in previous years 	By 11 Jan 11 Jan ASAP	Helen P Adam Tanya/ Rebecca
 DRESS DOWN To take place on 8th Feb Publish date in newsletter Already published on Facebook page 	11 Jan	Adam

BED	OTIME STORIES / WORLD BOOK DAY				
•	Bedtime Stories on 6 th March 5-6.30 with wine, tea & coffee in the				
	hall. To include Saplings and younger siblings.				
•	World Book Day dress up on 7 th March				
•	Publish on newsletter	11 Jan	Adam		
•	Already published on Facebook page	ASAP	Angela		
2 nd	HAND UNIFORM				
•	Run stall at Parent's Evenings – 26 th March (Jo) and 28 th March (Ange)				
	with an Honesty Box.		Jo / Angela		
•	Look at selling through Facebook Page		Jo		
3. 1	NEW PROPOSALS				
	Kally Giras has approached us with york gaparaus offers of help with				
	Kelly Sims has approached us with very generous offers of help with Science Week and also in a music capacity with her associations with				
	various bands. Adam confirmed that we will be running an Enterprise				
	Week instead of Science Week this year. Danine to pass contact				
	details for Kelly over to Adam to include her offer in the Science				
	curriculum.	ASAP	Danine		
•	Becky will also investigate whether there's potential to receive				
	another grant from GSK or any other support for Science Week. (Jo to				
	follow up). This could be used for Science Equipment (see Finance	ASAP	Jo		
	below)				
<u>4. I</u>	FINANCE				
14/6	DIM DAY CONTRIBUTIONS				
W	OW DAY CONTRIBUTIONS				
•	Celia will invoice us for the £300 per year group contribution to WOW days at the end of the financial year				
SH	ED				
•	The PTA shed is in a terrible state of repair and equipment is getting				
	damaged with a leaking roof. We have repaired it once and have now				
	agreed that a replacement shed is required.				
•	There is a shed at Jack & Jill's that could possibly be used – need to				
	check condition and size				
•	Helen P to cost up new shed	ASAP	Helen		
•	Danine to cost up getting electricity to it so that we can have light.	ASAP	Danine		
GA	ZEBO				
•	We also need to purchase a new gazebo for use at events throughout				
	the year – our old one was left irreparable after the Fun Run. Cost of a				
	branded gazebo is too high and felt unneccessary.	Needed			
•	Angela to cost up an 8x8ft gazebo	Fun Run	Angela		
GR	ANTS				
•	Grants – through her job, Helen is aware of several grants that we				
	could potentially apply for. She will investigate further.		Helen		
•	Helen to apply for Tesco Bag 4 Life and Waitrose community schemes		Helen		
SΔI	SAPLINGS				
•	The Saplings build should start in March to be completed by				
	September although progress is slow. The new Trim Trail for use by				
	KS2 and Saplings is to be included in this. Celia to keep us informed if		.		
	any additional funding will be required as this was previously our		Celia		

	main commitment for the Dell profits	1				
	main commitment for the Ball profits.					
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•	ENCE EQUIPMENT					
•	This is the school's main focus from an OFSTED perspective. Miss Hill		Celia			
	& Miss Hamilton are currently compiling a list and will be looking to		Cella			
	us for funding; likely to be a substantial amount.		Adam/Celia			
•	Maths Whizz – Adam & Mrs Rogers are reviewing the efficiency of		Audin/Cena			
	this programme					
01	TGOINGS					
•	£500 football					
	£525 Panto					
	£100 Puppet Show		Celia			
	£600 Class Christmas Presents (Celia to share list of presents bought) £350 Individual Christmas Presents					
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3. /	100					
	JF noted that there had been lots of feedback about dates not being					
	published early enough and information about special days not being					
	early enough. For ecample, Children In Need Superhero Day and					
	Christmas performances. Adam acknowledged and will aim to publish					
	dates earlier this year.		Adam			
•	Make contact with parents in Year 4 to let them know about our					
	contribution for a Year book – Kath Allan / Bex Kirkup		Jo/Danine			
•	All Stars Cricket – speak to ACC to make sure we get a visit from All					
	Stars and ask about cricket equipment. Liaise with Miss Hill.		Jo			
6.	UTURE DATES					
•	Baden Powell / Thinking Day 22 February		ALL DATES			
•	Comic Relief (Red Nose Day) 15 March		TO BE			
•	Parents Evenings 26/28 March		PUBLISHED			
•	Music Concert 2 April TBC - refreshments		IN			
•	Easter Egg Raffle 5 April (Danine to check with Steph she can do)		NEWSLETTE			
•	Disco & Dress Down Day 17 May. Pine/Y1 3.30-4.15. Y2,3,4 4.30-5.30		R &			
•	Fun Run 21 June		FACEBOOK			
•	Gala Day 7 July		PAGE ASAP			
•	Christmas Performance Week 9-13 December					
•	Christmas Panto 16-19 December (Danine to find availability)					
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5.	NEXT MEETING:					
•	Next PTA meeting – Monday 18 th February @ 7.30 in the Hollows					