

## **Friends AGM - Friday 21<sup>st</sup> July 2017 - Itchen Abbas Primary School**

Attendees: Sarah Banks – Chairman, Beccy Clark, Mandy Oakley, Leila Alabaster, Zoe Cannons, Claire Hunt, Sophie Rogers, Jean Martin

### **1. Treasurers Report**

Sarah Banks presented the Treasurers Report detailing the activity this year and the funds raised. The report is attached. The total raised for the year 2016/17 is £7,514.39!

### **2. Chairman's Report**

Sarah Banks presented the Chairman's Report as detailed below:

Thanks to everyone for another great year of fundraising for our school. We raised a total of £7,514 this year, which is another tremendous result.

My thanks goes to the current Committee; Lucy Kelly, Sarah Claridge & Kate Patrick. Thanks also to the Class Reps; Zoe Cannons, Zazie Carter, Mandy Oakley, Anne Foster, Beccy Clark and Yvette Frankland, who have worked tirelessly to ensure all parents feel welcome and are involved in as much as they want to be involved in. Thanks must also go to all the parents who've helped over the year; whether it be by baking a cake or giving up time to help set up, run or clear up after an event. Without everyone's constant support and dedication, none of our events could happen and The Friends could not exist – thank you.

### **Fundraising Events**

**Cafes** – Cafes have continued to give our parents the chance to meet informally and chat over tea and cake. The morning cafes at St. John's Church are a quieter affair but again they give parents the chance to get together and we will continue with these next year. Thanks to Beccy Clark for organising these and coordinating the replenishing of stock.

**Bags and Tea Towels** – We had some good quality products again this year, with reasonable sales. Thanks to Kate Patrick for coordinating this.

It's probably worth sourcing different products next year as bags have featured for the past two years now.

**Christmas Cards** – Despite the website going down just before the deadline and complications with receiving our commission, we were able to make £102.50 on cards again this year. They continue to be popular and the children enjoy designing them. It's advisable to find an alternative supplier for next year though!

**Christmas Fair** – The Christmas Fair broke the record again this year. Our Treasurer, Lucy, spent her weekend counting the money and reported a total of £3,480!

What I love about the Fair is that everyone gets behind the organisation from ideas, design, production, setting up, running stalls and clearing up at the end.

Santa's Grotto ran like a clockwork with thanks going to Tom & Sophie Rogers for their cracking organisational skills and Kate Patrick for wearing her Elf costume in public!

We kept to the 'school only' format rather than allowing outside trades to sell and again, the general atmosphere around the hall and the impact of the beautifully set-out stalls was incredible.

The kitchen produced a continuous and delicious array of cooked items that proved very popular. Thanks go to Jon Banks for being our chef and to Mandy Oakley and Jean Martin for serving.

We separated out the Parent Free zone this year to allow us to open up the small hall for extra stalls and craft activities. With so many helpers needed for this one stall, it was better to run it in school during the week leading up to the fair. We made £244 on this, which is a brilliant result. Thanks go to Beccy Clark for organising this.

**A big thank you to everyone for the Christmas Fair – it's the time of year that we ask so much of parents with raffles, hampers, donations for stalls, cakes and lots more – we really appreciate all the hard work that goes into this.**

**Quiz Night** – The quiz had a really good fun feel about it this year and we were pleasantly surprised to find that lots of people stayed on afterwards to have a drink and chat. In fact, we had to ask people to leave in the end. Thanks go to Steve Gapper for being our Quizmaster and congratulations to the Teachers (again) for winning for the third year in a row.

**Children's Disco** – We were lucky to have Nolan Davies back to run our discos again this year. The kids love him! The teachers joined in with the dancing, much to the delight of the children. Working in school as I now do, it was lovely to see how excited the children get as the disco day approaches. It really is a big deal to them and perhaps we should look to run two per year.

**Summer Event** – What a fantastic night we all had. I have had so much feedback from parents who thoroughly enjoyed themselves. The main aim of this event was to get parents together to celebrate the end of the school year and we never imagined we'd raise so much money in the process. A Parents Summer Party should feature on the Friends calendar every year from now on!

### **Other activities**

**50/50 club** – This made £120 - thanks Beccy for continuing to run this.

**Mother's Day Gifts** – similar to the Parent-Free Zone at Christmas, the children were able to select gifts for Mother's Day. Another popular idea which we'll continue with next year – Thanks to Beccy for organising and to everyone for helping out with wrapping.

**EasyFundraising** – this is a no-brainer. You sign up to the site and every time you make an online purchase, if the retailer has opted-in (all the major retailers have), the Friends get a percentage of the sale. We have received £165 in profit from this, this year, with only around 16 people signed up. If more parents could sign up, we'd be looking at a significant amount of money for free.

**Christmas Jumper Sale** – Every December the school takes part in Christmas Jumper Day and Zazie Carter kindly put together a sale before the day, to allow parents to donate their old jumpers and buy new ones. Definitely worth continuing and growing. Thank you Zazie for coming up with the idea and organising it.

### **Money spent this year:**

We have funded lots of resources for school this year –

**7 MacBooks** – for use across KS2 to fulfill parts of the latest curriculum requirement.

**30 iPads and Covers** – for use across KS1 & 2 to fulfill parts of the latest curriculum requirement.

**A Secure Storage Unit for the equipment.**

**Leavers Party** - we give a donation towards a leaving party for our Year 6 children.

**Itchen Valley Flower Show** - we donate two prizes each year.

**Children's Disco** – the Friends organise, subsidise and run the disco each year.

Well done to everyone and thank you for your continued support. We should all be VERY proud!

It has been a pleasure to lead the Friends Team for the past two years. We've tried new things and learnt a lot along the way. We've raised a fantastic amount of money too and as I retire as Chairman, I wish the new Committee all the very best for the coming year.

Sarah Banks - **Chairman**

### **3. New Committee**

After receiving nominations for roles, new Committee members were voted in for the next school year 2017/18 –

#### **Chairman nomination – Leila Alabaster**

Voted in by Sarah Banks. Second vote Beccy Clark.

#### **Vice Chairman – Zoe Cannons**

Voted in by Beccy Clark. Second vote Claire Hunt.

#### **Secretary – Claire Hunt**

Voted in by Leila Alabaster. Second vote Sophie Rogers.

#### **Treasurer – Lucy Kelly**

Voted in by Sarah Banks. Second vote Mandy Oakley.

Class Reps have been found for every year group – thank you to everyone for putting yourselves forward –

**Year R** Karen Clapp

**Year 1** Denise Rosewell

**Year 2** Sophie Rogers

**Year 3** Mandy Oakley

**Year 4** Nora Haywood

**Year 5** Sarah Songhurst

**Year 6** Beccy Clark

### **4. Use of Funds**

Mrs Dear joined the meeting to tell us what she would like to spend the funds on. Discussion to take place to confirm.

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