

## Minutes Friends Meeting 24th April 2023

**Attendees:** Sarah - Chair    Sophie - Vice Chair    Jenny - Treasurer  
Sue - Secretary            Leanne            Martine Housego-Watts  
Louise Norgate

### Play equipment on field

- Sarah brought to our attention that she had made contact with Play Quest about the Over and Under we want to add to the field behind the Ship.
- The quote they gave her was £8,092 plus VAT
  - £3,962 Over and Under
  - £2,280 Flooring 6 x 4 m in the same material used on the trim trail
  - £1,850 Delivery, installation and skip
- During the meeting we reviewed on the website the Over and Under. On the site it lists the piece as £3,100 so Sarah is going to query this. It also shows a slide so Sarah is going to confirm that this is definitely the case.
- Sarah went on to say that Play Quest have suggested the installation could be completed end June/beginning July. Play Quest are also aware that they have some extra work to complete on the Trim Trail.
- Jenny then suggested that in 2 years the Friends should replace the tyre area with a big structure and move the tyre area to the field.
- Sarah raised the installation dates might clash around sports day and asked Louise if a date was confirmed for this. The Friends went on to tell Louise that Mr Suckling ran sports day last year and that we sold coffee, tea and some snacks during the event. We also pay for and distribute ice cream to all the kids and staff.
- Louise offered 22nd June as a possible date for Sport Day. We then discussed the Friends erecting the marques, which we would need for the Summer BBQ, in time for sports day to provide shade. It was agreed that these would be erected Saturday 17th June.

### Old Year 6 Mobile

- Schools plan was originally to get the mobile ready for use in September having been told by the Trust that this was not deemed urgent.
- The Trust now has a new Head of Estates who is taking this forward and wants to get this back in action ASAP as the Year 4 are currently struggling in their set up.
- Louise went on to say that the mobile will be painted (by the relief caretaker currently waiting on timelines), new flooring (carpet tiles have been donated), new whiteboard. Jenny offered to back the boards.
- The new plan is to move Year 4 over as soon as it is ready. This will then stay the Year 4 mobile (Year 4 was originally in a mobile near Year 5 and moved inside when the Year 6 mobile was deemed unfit. Year 6 moved into the Year 4). Louise suggested that in order for this move to

happen as soon as possible parents may need to help move the furniture over from the existing Y4 classroom. Once Louise knows of the timelines she will ask parent to help.

### Reading Corner

- The Head has previously discussed with Sarah the idea of creating a reading/chill out corner for each classroom. In the previous meeting it was decided that each teacher will provide a wish list from Amazon to be able to create their corner and to stay within a budget of £100 perhaps covering 6/7 items (possibly but not restricted to airy lights, cushions etc)
- Sarah informed us that she has populated the Amazon Wish List following the details provided by the majority but was still awaiting on Reception and Year 3. Miss Willams is chasing this.

### Fundraising activities for the school year

Month	Activity
April	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ice Cream Fridays</li> <li>• 26th April Bags2School</li> </ul>
May	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ice Cream Fridays</li> <li>• 26th May Dress Down Day &amp; bring a bottle/sweets</li> </ul>
June	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ice Cream Fridays</li> <li>• 9th All Years Summer Disco (revised date)</li> </ul>
July	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ice Cream Fridays</li> <li>• 7th July Friends Summer BBQ</li> <li>• 21st July Dress Down Day "Summer fun"</li> </ul>

### Ice Cream Fridays

- Lead by Sophie and Leanne
- It was agreed that we are switching to Ice Creams. The leftover sweets will be used to create the mini pick n mix bags for the disco
- The Friends asked Louise if the garage door was fixed as we need to gain access to get the Cool Box. Louise was unsure and will speak with the relief caretaker

### Dress down days

- The following dates are confirmed for the Friends dress down
  - Friday 26th May - Disco Fever Themed in prep for the disco that day. Dress down and bring a bottle or sweets, in prep for the Summer BBQ Bottle/Sweet Tombola

- Friday 21st July - Summer Fun

### **Bags2School**

- Bags2School takes place on 26th April and happens every 6 months, the next being 2nd November.
- The Friends discussed that we needed to lay tarpaulin on a space in the school car park, this is where we collect the bags and where they in turn Bags2School collect. We also need to ensure there is a cover as they will not accept if items get wet. Jenny and Sophie to provide the tarpaulin. Sophie offered her husband Dean to lay as appropriate and weigh down with bags first thing that morning.

### **Quiz and Curry - 24th March**

- Sarah fed back that this was yet again a very good evening. She went on to ask Jenny how much money we had taken. Jenny will feed back at the next meeting.

### **Disco**

- All Years Disco with resident DJ Ollie
- Friends available - Sophie, Jenny, Sue, Martine, Sarah
- Refreshments as before (from macro or Lidl) -
  - Drinks - orange, blackcurrant, water
  - Crisps
  - Sweets - pick n mix mini bags made up from our Tuck Shop stock
- Tattoos
- Since the meeting Ollie has said he is no longer able to do the 26th so the proposed date is now Friday 9th June

### **Year 6 - Leavers Hoodies and Mystery Trip**

- Each year Year 6 receives a Leavers Hoodie . These are 50% funded by the Friends and 50% funded by the parents. Sophie and Leanne are leading on this.
- Sophie informed us that the order for the hoodies has now been placed and paid for and these are due mid to end of May

### **Summer BBQ - 7th July 5-8pm**

- Sarah started by telling us she has seen live music recently and asked him to play at the event. This has been provisionally booked for £100. She has also booked Diddy cars and track for £99.
- We went on to discuss that we need to put a call out to parents to help on stands otherwise it won't run. Also that we should ask parents for ideas of stands to run.
- It was also highlighted that we need to book the Ice Cream Van

