

Minutes Friends of Marlborough St Mary's Meeting

Wednesday 21st April 2021

1. Welcome and Apologies

Present: Lisa Farley, Dawn Patterson, Becky Deane, Monica Braithwaite, Tracey Lavis, Anne Schwodler, Claire Presley, Hazel Wyatt

Apologies: Lou Avis, Rosy Presley, Emily Skinner, Jade Wilson, Sam Cook, Debbie Amor.

2. Minutes of last meeting

The minutes of the last meeting were approved and signed by Becky Deane.

3. Treasurer's Report

Thank you to all who purchased a balloon for the virtual balloon race, we raised an amazing £763.43 from the event.

Comic relief - £451 was raised, thank you.

Second hand uniform sale raised an amazing £71.

4. Dress Down Day

Friday 7th May – will be dress down day, the children can wear something summery. Donations are optional.

Term 6, 'What Makes Britain Great', dress down day to be arranged nearer the time.

5. Bag2School

This has been booked for 18th June 2021.

6. Summer Sponsored 5k or more.

This is a chance for the children to do a sponsored 5k over the summer holidays, they can run, walk, swim, cycle, or scoot. Whatever they would like to do. We thought the event can be ranked as mild, spicy and hot; the children can choose which distance they would like to do.

7. JustGiving Page

Claire Presley has been arranging the updating of the page. Need to look at adding the link to the emails, website, and newsletters.

Also look at online payments, order forms.

Hazel Wyatt to investigate card payments and the cost to set this up.

8. Playground

New drawings have been done. Quotes have been received. Kate and Anne Schwodler to discuss further.

9. Dates for fundraising.

We might do another virtual balloon race or a duck race – to be confirmed.

Another uniform sale – to be confirmed.

We need to wait until the next announcement before we can arrange anything for the Winter.

10. Summer Raffle

Friday 16th July we will be holding a raffle like the Christmas one.

Hampers for prizes.

Need to contact local businesses and ask for donations like we would have done for the summer fayre.

Claire Presley will arrange the raffle tickets.

Dawn Patterson to email businesses and set up raffle letters.

We will discuss further at the next meeting.

11. Playpod

Just over £400 worth of items have been ordered for the play pod.

Tracey Lavis to investigate storage.

12. Love Marlborough Kids

Thank you from Christine for help so far.

We have said we will help where we can.

13. AOB

Period Poverty Box – Tracey Lavis to check stock. Tracey has checked the stock and it is ok. Tracey has also spoken to Miss Ambrosini to let the year 5's know about the box too.

Thank you to Donna Kirby for all your help with the uniform sale and for arranging the easter eggs.

Thank you to Claridge Funeral Service for their kind donation towards the easter eggs.

Thank you to Tracey Lavis and all the teachers for helping us in these difficult times, we really do appreciate it.

Leaves have been ordered – Anne Schwodler confirmed.

Unfortunately Dawn Patterson will be stepping down as secretary for the Friends at the end of this academic year. If you would like to replace Dawn as Secretary, please come and speak to any of us at any time.

15. Date of Next Meeting:

Wednesday 9th June 2021, 8pm on Zoom.

These meetings are open to everyone, come and join us and help us with your fundraising ideas, we look forward to seeing you on the 9th June 2021 at 8pm.

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