



# Friends of Marlborough St Mary's Primary School

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## Minutes – Meeting Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> June 2021 – 8pm – Via Zoom

### 1. Welcome and apologies

**Present:** Claire Presley, Becky Deane, Lou Avis, Mrs Schwodler, Lisa Farley, Kate Hughes, Rosy Presley, Debbie Amor

**Apologises:** Jade Wilson, Jacqui Dillon, Monica Braithwaite, Sarah Hart, Sam Cook, Dawn Patterson, Ben Ferris, Tracey Lavis

### 2. Minutes from last meeting

As DP was not present at the meeting, BD will sign the minutes at a later date.

### 3. Treasurer's Report

LF reported £441 was raised from the last non-uniform day, which is a fantastic amount.

All agreed that we would continue to pay £5 towards the Year 6 Year Books.

### 4. Playground Up-date

Kate Hughes showed us the exciting images for the next Phase of the KS1 playground. She is in discussions with Outdoor Play UK who have designed a Castle with a wet pour pad floor. Cost will come in around £20,000. LF confirmed that we have approximately £10,000 in the account towards this already.

Phase 2 would include items such as balance beams, stepping poles, artificial grass etc etc and we would be looking at around £10/£12,000 for this.

It would be nice if we could have some large laminated visuals to put on display to help with the fundraising, KH to look into this.

A huge thank you to Kate for all of her hard work.

### 5. Just Giving Page

CP now has photos of the playground, thanks to Tracey Lavis. KH to send plans through of the playground castle to be added to the page. Letter to be drafted to encourage donations towards the castle and for children to come up with their own ideas to fundraise.

### 6. Summer Raffle

To be drawn on 16<sup>th</sup> July on Zoom.

Dawn has drafted a letter. CP finalising tickets, to go out beginning July. Reps to collect prizes in town. TL organising a staff hamper and Governor's will also donate one. We will approach Tesco and Waitrose to see if they can donate anything towards this. Also ask Chris Patterson if he will be happy to draw the raffle.

### 7. Bags2school & 2<sup>nd</sup> Hand Uniform

Date booked for 18<sup>th</sup> June. Will have two areas for collections one for Bags2school and one for 2<sup>nd</sup> Hand Uniform. Reminders to go out.

Mrs Schwodler also mentioned the possibility of a couple of the Friends attending the New Parents Evening to sell but would depend on current restrictions.

#### **8. Summer Sponsored 5k/other fundraising ideas**

Children take part in a sponsored 5k ie walk, run, bike etc – mild, spicy, hot challenges.

Work to start on posters and letters, donations via the Just Giving page.

Panto tickets – we have in previous years organised school tickets for the Pantomime at the Wyvern. LF has been in touch and has ordered some tickets. LF to organise.

Car boot sale – we spoke about doing this potentially in the summer, use the school car park for a fee per parking space. Also have a refreshment stall as a money maker.

#### **9. Tea Towels**

LA has been trying to contact the Company with no success, she will keep trying.

#### **10. Dress Down Day**

The next dress down day has been booked for Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> July and this will tie in with this terms theme of 'What Makes Britain Great'/Red, white and blue.

#### **11. Secretary role**

No one has approached us re taking over this role from Dawn. We will continue to promote. RP has offered to do the minutes until we find someone. CP also offered to step down as Co-Chair and take on the role if no one comes forward.

#### **12. End of term presents/staff hamper**

It was decided we would buy presents for Sue/Susannah/Mog and Karen. Then do a general hamper for the staff room. CP to speak to Lisa Wakeham to see if Waitrose will help again.

#### **13. Date for AGM**

Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> September agreed.

#### **14. Any other business**

CP asked Mrs Schwodler if she found out if the school has Zoom. Will speak to Kath/Karen. Schools may get it for free.

CP has emailed Claridge Funeral Services about a photo being taken to promote their generous donations.

Mrs Schwodler asked if the Rick Stein coffee money would be re-arranged, BD to contact them to say we would be interested if we could be considered again.

Ice cream sales – LA to speak to Donna to see if she can get any discounts with Tesco and Michelle Morley about which day would be best in order to store ice creams in kitchen freezer.

#### **15. Date of next meeting**

7<sup>th</sup> July 8pm on Zoom. LF raised the point of trying the meetings on a different day to try and get the numbers up as very few Class Reps attend. It was decided to keep them on a Wednesday as this was the best day for the key Committee members.