

Minutes from Tuesday 8th May Friends of St Edmunds Meeting

Present; Niamh Evans, Holly Clarke, Jenni Murphy, Alison Baldock, Lucy Taylor, Tiffany Docking, Lisa Blake, Katie Williamson and Kate Copeman (head of school)
Apologies Gillian Basham

1. Easter bingo raised £358.77, event well attended and enjoyed by the children

Ideas/suggestions for next year

- different hunt layout collect all clues rather than all starting at clue 1 to prevent queueing at clue
- Use flip chart and numbers for bingo rather than number generator
- No raffle worked well

2. £1500 given to Mr Scales for new school books for all year groups

- requested some photos of children with the books to put on our newsletter

3. Year trips coming up using the money The Friends donated for example

- year 4 went to West Stow and had an Egyptian study day
- Year 2 are going to Lackford lakes

4. Alison Baldock mentioned that year pupils had to give £1 voluntary donations for science work and could this £58 in total have been put in as a friends request rather than asking parents for more money and for the future could teachers be reminded of requesting this. All Friends members present agreed that they are happy to fund these small amounts rather than asking parents to donate and also this is less admin for teachers and office staff.

5. No request for funds from staff made. The Friends asked if a £10 donation for year 6 pupils leaving gift will be requested in the future and Mrs Copeman agreed it would. The Friends members present agreed to this donation total of £580. It was also asked if Mrs Rushbrooke will be requesting money towards the year 1 arts award like last year. Mrs Copeman was to ask her but The Friends members present agreed to fund this. Mrs Copeman has since emailed the Friends and has confirmed that Mrs Rushbrooke is again requesting this at a total of £158.10

6. Changing Rooms are going ahead with a change in building design. The school is looking into grants for this. Niamh Evans asked if we should make this years summers fair as a fundraiser particularly for the changing rooms. It was agreed not to do this. It was also asked if The Friends should donate further funding towards the project and it was agreed to wait until it is known how much money is needed and also nearer completion date.

7. Summer Fair - Saturday 14th July

- Jenni Murphy confirmed that parking can be facilitated at Green King 11-4 on the day
- Alison Baldock and family are not able to help with BBQ but will provide all necessary equipment and Marco Martinez will run it this year
- Gillian Basham and Lisa Blake in charge of donations for raffle prizes, Holly Clarke will ask office for headed letters
- To confirm if Gillian Basham also happy to buy prizes

- Lucy Taylor will sort tombola
- Niamh Evans apply for drinks licence
- Niamh Evans to send off for official raffle tickets
- Year 6 involvement in stalls, Holly Clarke and Katie Williamson to organise date with Mrs Copeman to speak to pupils
- Year 5/6 bake off
- Lisa Blake has booked the bouncy castles cost at £120
- Niamh Evans to update letter to parents with all requests to go out in mesh bags along with raffle tickets and money tree envelopes to go out week of 25th June
- Notice board to go out requesting help week of 18th June and again week of 2nd July
- Katie Williamson to update Facebook page
- Mrs Copeman to speak to sporting 87 regarding involvement requesting game to beat the goalie and alternate if possible
- Non uniform date Monday 9th July
- Stalls to stay as usual, water to wine game will need wine bottle bags and more wine
- Jenni Murphy will need 1 weeks notice for number of stalls to get floats ready
- Mrs Copeman to check if Mrs Vince is able to run gardening club stall

8. Cake Sale Friday 25th May

- morning help Katie, Jenni, Ali
- Afternoon Jenni, Ali, Katie, Tiffany
- Niamh to check if Jayne Taylor can also help

AOB - no

Next meeting on Tuesday 19th June where main focus will be the summer fair