

**Friends of Whimble School Meeting**  
**Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> April 2016**  
**The School Library 7.30**

**1. Welcome and Apologies**

**Welcome**

Mandy Cosslett, Sam Walker, Zoe Bickel, Susie Plank, Donna Woolston, Susie Jessop, Maria Wallis, Caroline Rowe, Mary Davis

**Apologies**

Katie Williams, Jenny Jones, Cathy Culshaw, Tanya Hynd, Charlotte Woollam, Alice Walsh, Amanda Yendole, Heather Triggs

**2. Minutes of the last Meeting**

All agreed that they were a true record of the meeting.

**3. Treasurers Report**

There is currently £5041.10 in the bank account although the bill for the learn pads has not yet gone out, there is plenty of funds to cover them (£3000 approx.).

Fundraising has gone really well. Village day made £325, cake sales made £70.53, Christmas Craft Fayre made £420, Christmas Fayre made £216.70, Christmas Card money made £218.98, Easter Bingo made 295.28, The Easter Egg Hunt made £38.50 and Rock Solid Race made 838.82.

**4. Review of events**

**Easter Egg Hunt.** Thank you to Katie Williams for organising and all those who volunteered. It was noted that the Velcro had gone on the bunny costume and will need re stitching before next year's event. It all worked very well especially with the Easter Bunny giving out eggs to the younger ones.

**Easter Bingo.** Very well attended this year! The kids thoroughly enjoyed it especially the dishing out of leftover eggs at the end. Thank you to Mandy Cosslett who has handed over the reins to Katie Williams.

**Rock Solid Race.** After a slow start this event eventually raised over £800 including gift aid which is a main contributor towards purchasing Learn pads. Thank you to Laura Parker and the Fows 2016 Team who braved the cold that day. Because of the benefits of gift aid Sam Walker will look into ways of obtaining gift aid at all the charity events.

**5. Future Events**

**Cake Sale-Thur 26<sup>th</sup> May**

Class 4- Sam Walker will put in the contact.

**Summer Fayre- Sat 25<sup>th</sup> June**

Donna Woolston and Susie Plank are organising this year's event. The Summer Fayre Volunteer forms went out yesterday and responses are already being returned. It would be nice to see some new faces as the same people who regularly volunteer are coming forward. Unfortunately Abby Porter and Lorraine Tandy are unable to help with this year's event regarding sourcing prizes for the raffle. Helen Greensides and Steffi Bludovsky were suggested from their previous experience. A list of the usual raffle prizes will be given as an idea.

Mary will contact Simone Lenzi regarding Becky Hardy running the BBQ. Heather Triggs is in charge of the Cream Teas, Alex Tooze will organise the PA, Jo Sibley and Kate Mackay have an Ice Cream stall, Ask Julia Green to sing. Maria Wallis will organise a Governors stand.

This year the School Council will be more involved and have their say. Donna and Susie will meet with the council and Mrs Jessop has suggested Donna and Susie to talk to the children in assembly to inspire them to think up ideas for a stall and encourage them to run it at the Summer Fayre and then perhaps on to Village Day. There will be a competition for the pupils with the best stall who will win a prize. All children will get 500 team points per child for running a stall and the winning stall will get 1000 team points per child. Maria Wallis is happy to judge the Stall Competition.

An idea was suggested to get the children to design posters for the event and display them on a string for decoration on the day.

On Friday 24<sup>th</sup> June there will be a Non Uniform Day and the children will need to bring in a tombola prize for the next day. The Golden Ticket assembly will take place on this day also.

The school will be open at 10 on the day. The event starts at 1.30.

2.00- Choir sings

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3.00- Maypole (Jude Carter)

3.30- Raffle

4.00- Close

Donna will find the very heavy sandwich board and write the itinerary on it.

It has been advertised in the Whimble News and also in the contact. The Soup and Sarnie finishes at 1.30. Ask Heather Triggs to find out if there is enough crockery for the teas and plan where she will get them from. Charlotte Woollams Mum will do the Flowers. Mandy Cosslett will look into the Alcohol Licence. Will there be Commercial stalls? Shall we put an advert on buy and sell sites?

### **Sports day-Wed 29<sup>th</sup> June**

Jenny Jones will organise a rota for reception parents for the cakes

### **Beetle Drive- Mon 4<sup>th</sup> July**

Caroline Rowe will organise.

### **Village Day-Sat 9<sup>th</sup> July**

Beer Tent and Inflatables. Sam Walker has organised. Pete Sibley and Neil Walker will man the beer tent and get others to shadow for next year.

### **Leavers Party- Tue 19<sup>th</sup> July**

Open to all and paid for by the cake sales. Need to reiterate that it isn't paid for by parents. Speak to the Year 6 children about what they'd like to do this year. Another idea would be a family picnic at the parish field and use the money to pay for the picnic food. They will also be going to Crealy paid for by fows fundraising and will get their autograph books also. Heather Triggs is happy to organise the leavers assembly, Family Tea and Cake.

### **Christmas Cards**

Caroline Rowe will start organising in September.

### **Disco- Fri 21<sup>st</sup> Oct**

Donna Woolston is organising this event. It will be in the hall and will take place on the last day of the first half of Autumn Term. It will be a Halloween theme. The aim is for it to be a money maker and will be a ticket event. After some discussion it was decided that all children would mix together but with a capable DJ to manage the children encouraging different ages at different times to dance to age appropriate songs. How many will fit in the hall for insurance purposes? A great idea was a fancy dress competition for the parents and the children can parade your parent for judging.

### **6. Items Requested by Head Teacher**

Ideas for the Playground. Get rid of the free standing basketball hoop and replace with two different sized hoops attached to the end wall in the lower playground. Also a traversing wall to climb across (not high). The teachers will create a Think List and email to Katie Williams or bring to the next meeting to discuss.

Bigger scale ideas including a rustic shelter build at the Muga with the potential to have lessons over there similar to forest schooling. The Woo woo Loos are a success although they need stools to help the littler children reach. Prioritise funding to enhance the Muga.

### **7. AOB**

### **8. Date of the next Meeting**

Leave it with Katie. Donna would like a meeting June/July to discuss the Disco.