



Friends Of Heddon School

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FOHS Meeting 29th January 2015

Attendees: Kathryn Nicholson (Chair)
Samantha Dewar (Secretary)
Andrew Wheatley
Justine Graham
Nichola Derbyshire

Apologies: Gordon Stewart
Jane Storey
Helen Tiffin
Julie Loughran

1. Meeting Opened

A suggestion was made that FOHS create a 'volunteer list' where extended family, members of the community could be called on to help at various events without having to be involved in the day to day running of the group or commit to attending the meetings. Suggestions were made following the Christmas Fair that Garry Martin (father of Darcey in reception) may be available to play Santa in 2015. It was also agreed that the sending home of paper plates to act as a reminder for parents to send in donations for the cake stall was to be reinstated. One further suggestion was made that FOHS ask that when BOGOF offers are made in supermarkets, the item given free could be donated as a tombola prize.

Mr Wheatley made FOHS aware that complaints had been made to the school governors that the parents are being asked to donate too much- request for charity donations, tombola prizes etc.

2. Upcoming Events

Mad March Hair Day

It was agreed that Friday 6th March should be Mad March Hair Day'. This would be a non uniform day where the children would be encouraged to have bizarre hair styles or colours.

School Disco

Nichola Derbyshire is to talk to a contact with regards to hiring/ borrowing their disco equipment for a Friday afternoon preferably before the Easter holidays.

FOHS to consider what refreshments could be offered- possibly hotdogs. Kathryn Nicholson to contact Warburtons /Sainsburys for discount or indeed donations. The disco would be ticket only giving FOHS an idea in advance of how many children would be able to attend.

Food Bingo

This event would be held outside of the school grounds – preferably the Knott Hall. It was suggested that the parents of a child in Reception (Zach) run the Lion and Lamb in Horsley and that they may be interested in running the bar.

Samantha Dewar agreed to get possible Friday night dates that the hall would be available for hire.

3. Finance

The accounts were not available to discuss.

Samantha Dewar agreed to complete the bank mandate and forward it on to Clare Doney.

School Requests for Funding

Mrs Graham asked if FOHS could fund the purchase of books to allow the school to teach the new curriculum. The cost was approximately £300. This was agreed.

It was suggested by Kathryn Nicholson that FOHS were happy to authorise payments of up to £100.00 without a formal request being made by the school in advance.

4. Next Meeting

It was agreed that the next meeting of FOHS would take place during the summer term.