

FONS Meeting 23rd November 2015

Present: Mrs Meaden, Kate Griffiths, Sarah Crosby, Nia Grant, Beth Jennings, Nicola Hall, Lorna Roberts, Emily Davies, Nicky Wilson, Jenny Ewell

Apologies: Helen Allen, Sally Johnson, Tracy Horrigan

LAST MONTH'S MINUTES

- These were approved by all present.

CONSTITUTION NEEDS UPDATING

- It was agreed that we do need to revisit the Constitution but as we are embarking upon a very busy festive period it was agreed to hold this over until the New Year.

RAFFLE PRIZES & TICKET UPDATE

- Sarah confirmed that the raffle books have now been collected from the printers and will be distributed amongst school families - four books per family.
- Sarah gave an update regarding raffle prizes.
- It was agreed that we would try to sell raffle tickets in and around the village prior to the Christmas Concert. Matinee invites to go out at the same time.
- Lorna agreed to sell tickets in her street
- Beth agreed to cover rural areas outside the village
- Emily agreed to cover from the sun dial along Swan Lane
- We will ask Tracy to cover her street
- Nia agreed to fold the stubs before the concert night
- We will ask Helen if she is able to sell raffle tickets on the night of the concert
- Cut off point for return of SOLD raffle tickets is 03/12/15

CHRISTMAS HAMPER LIST

- This was updated and new updated list has been placed inside window of the juniors cloakroom.
- Please donate what you can - very much appreciated.
- Please can ALL hamper donations be in School by 01/12/15 .

CONCERT NIGHT - ASSIGN JOBS

- This will take place on 7th (matinee only) and 8th December 2015 (evening only).
- Jenny and Lorna agreed to arrive at church for 6pm and collect entrance fee.
- Kate and Beth agreed to do tea and coffee on the night. We will ask Tracy if she can also help out with this.
- Tombola Stall - Chocolate and Bottle - Nicky Hall, Emily, Nia and Sarah between them agreed to run these. We will also ask Sally if she is able to help.

COSTUMES FOR CHRISTMAS CONCERT

- Sarah reminded everyone that there is a box of various costumes in the pantry and for parents to feel free to have a look through for anything they need for their child.
- Lorna asked if a general request for costume donations could go out in a letter to all parents to avoid the need for purchasing expensive brand new one costumes.

CRAFT NIGHT - Thursday 3rd December at 3.15

- Cost - £3 per child which will include drink/hotdog and all materials for a Christmas decoration.
- Helpers on the night confirmed as Kate, Mrs Meaden, Nia, Lorna, Beth, Sarah.

- We will ask Tracy and Sally also.
- It was agreed that the following decorations will be made on the night :
 - Snow Domes - Beth is responsible for this. Please can all jam jar donations be given to Beth.
 - Gift Tags - Nia is responsible for this
 - Wrapping paper - Sarah is responsible for this
 - Pine Cone decorations - Nia is responsible for this. Please can all pine cone donations be given to Nia.
- We need volunteers to help with cooking and serving hot dogs on the night.

MONTHLY COFFEE MORNING GROUP

Sarah mentioned the possibility of starting an informal coffee morning as a Mums get together and is seeking what interest there is for this. Please let us know your thoughts.

TABLE TOP SALE

- Sarah confirmed that this has been booked for 06/02/16 at Soar Chapel school rooms.
- An advert has been placed in the next edition of Nercwys News.

AOB

- Jenny enquired about the distribution of the minutes. Sarah explained that currently, the minutes are sent via email, as a matter of courtesy to all those physically present at any one given Fons meeting. The minutes are also posted on the school website and available to all to view. Sarah herself emails attendees with the minutes so as not to over burden Elaine who is already extremely busy with official school business.
- Jenny also asked about the agenda for Fons meetings and what happens generally regarding this. Sarah explained that she usually prepares an agenda partially based on the previous meeting and also based on up and coming events. The Agenda is distributed at the meeting. Jenny suggested that it might be a good idea to distribute the agenda to families ahead of a Fons meeting. Nia agreed to display a copy of the agenda on the school gate prior to a Fons meeting.
- The role of Fons was also discussed. Jenny was very appreciative of the fundraising role of Fons but wondered if Fons could also deal with various issues some parents may have with School from time to time. After some discussion on this point it was felt that if any issues arise of a global concern then by all means a Fons meeting could be used to bring such an issue to the attention of Mrs Meaden. This has in fact happened in the past. However, it was pointed out that Fons is not a complaints forum for aggrieved parents. There are other procedures in place for this and the main focus and purpose of Fons is to fundraise and support the School.

Next meeting to be held Monday 18th January at 3.15pm