

FONS Meeting 18th January 2016

Present: Kate Griffiths, Sarah Crosby, Nia Grant, Nicola Hall, Lorna Roberts, Nicky Wilson,

Apologies: Sally Johnson, Tracy Horrigan, Jenny Ewell, Beth Jennings, Mrs Meaden

LAST MONTH'S MINUTES

- These were approved by all present.

CHRISTMAS TERM ROUND UP

- The general consensus was that the Christmas Concert night had been a success. Kate reported as follows regarding the financial aspect of the evening:
 - The children's Christmas cards sale made a profit of £108.02
 - Profit on the door (i.e. entry to the Church) was £77.80
 - Profit on bottle tombola was £36.50
 - Profit on chocolate tombola was £38.10
 - Raffle sales on the night were £64.90
 - Raffle sales in advance of the concert night were £207.10
 - Outgoings on the night for items such as tea/coffee/additional hamper items etc amounted to £47.63
- It was agreed that next time each year group should be responsible for specific hamper donations (which will be specified in advance) so as to avoid the need to use Fons funds to supplement donations.
- At a previous meeting Sally suggested that it would be a nice gesture to send a "Thank you" card to all those organisations who donated a raffle voucher. The organisations concerned on this occasion are Pen y Bont Farm, Forresters and The Miners Arms. **NG to action this** on behalf of the Children, Staff and Fons.
- We also looked at the other fund raising events held during the Autumn term. Kate reported as follows:
 - Bonfire night activity raised £82.93
 - Craft night raised approximately £60.00.
- It was agreed that a Fons newsletter will be produced explaining how much was raised during the Autumn term and how monies raised have been utilised . **NG to action this**.

CONSTITUTION UPDATE

- This will be carried over to the next meeting as Mrs. Meaden was unable to attend the meeting. Sarah did point out an error regarding any monies raised will be paid into Fons account and not into school account.

ACCOUNTS - year end.

- Sarah reported that these have now been signed off.
- They basically show that for the year ended 31.08.15 Fons had cash in the bank in the sum of £2235.

TABLE TOP SALE - Saturday 6th February

- Takes place on Saturday 6th February 10am - 12pm at Soar Chapel Nercwys.
- Sarah has prepared a poster advertising the event and providing all the details. Elaine has kindly printed these off and they will be distributed around the village, surrounding villages and around Mold. Volunteers needed to do this please.
- Lorna and Nicky Wilson agreed to help on the day with teas/coffees etc. More helpers needed. Please see Sarah with any offers of help.
- We will ask Elaine to send letters out to all families requesting help.

POTATO IN A BUCKET COMPETITION

- Sarah mentioned this idea and sought general opinion as to whether it is something we would like to .
- The idea is that all children will be issued with a bucket, compost and a seed potato. They will then plant the seed potato, be responsible for it and watch it grow! At the relevant time prizes will be awarded for the biggest crop, height, quantity of leaves etc.
- For this to work we do need donations of plastic buckets, compost and seed potatoes.
- Kate agreed to approach B & Q and Farm Pet Supplies for bucket donations and Dandy's, P & A and the local authority for compost donations.
- It was agreed to hold this event at the end of February and each child will be asked to pay an entry fee of £2.00

EASTER BINGO - Monday 21st March, 3.15-5pm

- Volunteers needed on the night - please come forward with your offers of help.
- There will be an own clothes day on Friday 18/03/16 in return for donations of Easter eggs which will become prizes for the bingo.
- Friends will source appropriate Easter confectionary for the treasure hunt.

EASTER BONNET AFTER SCHOOL ACTIVITY

- It was agreed to leave this activity this year as we are already doing the potato challenge and Easter bingo activity.

SPORTS KIT UPDATE

- Sarah reported that before Christmas she received offers of donations for a new sports kit for the school amounting to £80. It is anticipated that the cost of a new kit will be in the region of £160.
- Sarah was also approached by a past parent with an offer of a donation of a sports kit. Sarah agreed to collect the kit and School can then take a view as to how suitable it is.

AOB

- Lorna mentioned that if a "grown ups" night out is organised next Christmas then deposits must be paid by everyone at the time of committing to the event. Whilst a brilliant night was had at The Butchers Arms before Christmas by those who did attend it was rather unfortunate that a substantial number of those people who had confirmed they would be attending failed to turn up on the night due to various reasons. This wouldn't have mattered at all if The Butchers Arms hadn't catered for the number of people who had initially committed to coming along which resulted unfortunately in quite considerable food waste.
- Nia mentioned the Nercwys News and whether we need an article in it regarding the Autumn term. It was felt it would be a good idea so we could thank the villagers who supported the Christmas concert and bought raffle tickets. **NG to action.**
- Kate mentioned the possibility of hosting a "St. Mary's Got Talent" night during the Summer term. There might be a possibility of combining it with a summer social. Possible venues were discussed. Sarah agreed to ask Phil Gerrard if his barn would be available for such an event.

NEXT MEETING - Monday 29th February 2016.