

## Thomas Russell Junior School - Minutes of Friends meeting

Wednesday 24th January 2018



**Attendees** Mrs S Sharpe, Mrs A Alcock, Mrs David, Steph Cartwright, Jayne Castle, Mandy Trinh, Karen Leyland, Katie Rawlins, Marie Keasley, Sarah Duncan, Sharon Wright, Geri Carter.

**Apologies** Mrs G Gahagan, Sam Cowgill, Julie Richards, Abi Taberner, Kerstin Dierker, Julie Harrington, Lindsay Butler, Michelle Allton, Michelle Horton.

**Thanks** Mrs L Vardy for childcare. Mrs Brammer for delicious cake.

### **Christmas run down**

Profit for December is just over £1700.

Christmas disco, Christmas cards etc, Calendars, & Christmas jumpers.

### **Treasures Report**

We currently have around £12,000 in the two accounts.

### **Request for funds**

#### **Sensory garden**

Mrs Sharpe is currently getting quotes and plans etc for the new sensory garden. The sensory garden has had to wait until the new classroom was finished.

Friends will donate £7000 towards the cost.

#### **Smart Pads for school**

Links Pads have been sourced by School - 16 are required. Friends will donate £3,000 towards the cost of this.

These donations are to be included in the school newsletter so that parents can see where Friends money is being spent.

#### **Y6 visit to WW2 Experience**

Y6 will be visiting the WW2 experience at Cannock. Details were given of the exhibits and activities available. The cost per child is approximately £10 which includes entrance plus coach cost. Friends were asked if they'd make a contribution it was decided they will donate £5 per child towards the cost.

### **Easter Egg Competition/Spring Fair**

It was decided to split these back into two events.

- \* Easter egg competition/coffee afternoon - Monday 26th March. Easter egg entries to be bought into school on the morning of 26th. Steph will speak to Astrid to contact Co-Op for 16 prizes, and ask Tony to judge at 10.30am. A boy and girl out of each class will win prize. All entries will receive a Freddo frog. Coffee afternoon will be 2pm until 3pm. Cakes required on the day. Helpers required for the hour.

- \* Spring fair - Wednesday 18th April, 3.45 until 5pm.  
Non uniform day for chocolate or bottle will take place Friday 13th April.  
Year 6 run their own stalls at fair. Friends will run tea, coffee, cold drinks, cakes, Choc tombola, & bottle tombola. Cakes and helpers will be required on the day.

### **Leavers hoodies**

Mandy provided examples, colour options and prices for this years leavers hoodies. It was decided that there would be four colour options, and samples would be available at the spring fair for people to look at, try on and order. The hoodies will arrive in time for the year 6 residential.

**Sports day**

The date for this years sports day is Friday 25th May. Hot, cold drinks, and cakes will be sold through the day. Cakes and helpers required for this.

**Duathlon**

This is always a popular event and couldn't happen without the support of the staff of TRJS. A suggested date is Tuesday 26th June. Steph is to speak to Mrs Jackson, Mrs Owen, and Mrs Brammer first.

**Leavers disco**

Steph has contacted the Bowls club and Paddy (disco). The date is Thursday 19th July, 6pm until 8pm. All year 6 children are invited to this, there is no cost to parents. About 10 parents will be required to help at the disco. Sharon Wright has very kindly offered to do a leavers cake again for us this year.

**Chasewater assembly**

Will be held on Friday 23rd March at 9.30am. Steph has offered to record this. DVD's will be available to purchase on parentpay closer to the time.

**Cut off dates**

Cut off dates for booking children on to friends events has been raised. There have been a number of last minute bookings, or people checking with the office if they've paid for an event. Friends will always try and accommodate late requests, but sometimes it's just not possible. Please remember you can contact friends on [friends@trjs.co.uk](mailto:friends@trjs.co.uk) or search for Friends of TRJS on Facebook, or speak to Steph, Jayne or any of the committee, or send your mobile number to friends@ email address to be added to WhatsApp group.

If you are unsure if you've paid for an event you can check this on your parentpay by searching in,

Transaction history

Payment history

Choose your child (if you've more than one)

Leave as all services

Then just adjust your date from - to criteria

Search

Please do this before calling the office. Thank you. :) :)

**Any other business**

We have been advised that as a registered charity we may be able to claim VAT (backdated for 3 years). Mandy will look into this.

Whole school photo - due June.

**50/50 winners**

January - Sam Cowgill (no.30)

February - Tracey Moore (no.45)

**Date of next meeting AGM**

To be advised.