

**Friends of Whimble School Meeting**  
**April 25<sup>th</sup> 2017**  
**The Thirsty Farmer**  
**7.30pm**

**1. Welcome and Apologies**

- a. **Welcome:** Katie Williams, Caroline Rowe, Katy Hill, Zoe Bickel, Helena Hastie, Carole Shilston, Maria Wallis, Kerry Johnstone, Donna Woolston,
- b. **Apologies:** George Bayley, Susie Plank, Katherine Bell, Cathy Culshaw, Louise Fenner, Charlotte Woollam, James Woollam, Vikki Godden, Linden Best, Tanya Hynd

**2. Minutes of the last meeting**

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

**3. Treasurers Report**

Two cheques have been paid towards the MUGA totalling £4000 which is a great use of our fundraising.

The School Disco was another success which made £206 which was very similar to the Halloween Disco.

It was great to see the donation pot from the Pirates of the Curry Bean made £86.52.

Currently the funds sit at £4918 total, so still plenty available.

No internet banking yet but intentions to set up soon.

Please encourage to sell Ball tickets as this was a great money maker raising £545 last year.

**4. Review of Events**

a. **Easter Egg Hunt**

The hunt made £33 and although not a money maker, this event is enjoyed by the children.

b. **Spring Disco**

The children had a great time and it raised £206.67. The event ran smoothly with a couple of tweaks to be made before the next disco this autumn.

c. **Cake Sale**

Works well with two tables. £32 raised.

**5. Future Events**

a. **Cake Sale: 26<sup>th</sup> May 2017** Class 4, George Bayley and Louise Fenner to organise.

b. **Sports Day: 16<sup>th</sup> June 2017 FRI am only.** Class 2, Charlotte Woollam and Angela Pirrie to oversee the teas, cakes and appoint helpers for washing up etc. A donation pot to be used.

c. **Summer Fair: 24<sup>th</sup> June 2017**

Susie Plank and Donna Woolston to organise.

Both are keen to get the children involved as much as possible including meeting the School Council and talking to the pupils in a school assembly.

The Volunteer forms have gone out and are due to be returned by Friday 9<sup>th</sup> June. Unfortunately Helen Greensides will not be sourcing the raffle this year. With the size of the job it might be worth getting a group of people together to source prizes or we could ask people to donate prizes.

There is still no date for The Dame Racing event which over the past two years has run straight after the Summer Fair.

d. **Beetle Drive: 3<sup>rd</sup> July 2017**

Opens at 6, Ask for volunteers to help get the hall ready and tidy away.

e. **Village Day: 8<sup>th</sup> July 2017**

This year we are running the bouncy castle with half hour slots and the bar with hour slots. Helena has asked for basic written instructions/rules to be at the Bouncy castle for the helpers to refer to. The older children will have their own castle this year as the Gladiator attraction is no longer available.

**f. Leavers Party: 21<sup>st</sup> July 2017**

Jo Sibley is organising the after school party and the parents of year 5 are to help with the afternoon tea.

**g. FoWS Social:** With a lot on this Summer it has been decided to look at this in the Autumn Term.

**6. Items Requested by the Headteacher**

- a. Carole Shilston thanked FoWS for the money put towards the shelter at the MUGA and to Daniel Williams for spraying the stinging nettles. She explained the budget was complete for the next year and there wasn't anything imminent to spend money on but would keep us in the picture if something were to crop up.
- b. A discussion took place regarding school photos. Carole suggested having a casual shoot earlier in the autumn term and perhaps not having the formal picture. It was suggested to do a formal shoot every other year. After a discussion it was decided to keep both a formal and informal shoot at the same time a bit later in the autumn term so parents could decide what style they would like.
- c. Carole has asked FoWS to encourage all parents to respond to a questionnaire from Exemplar Education. A good response from the parents would result in the school getting a free subscription. The parents do not need to sign up to anything.
- d. Carole would like to organise a leaving party for two of our long running teachers Mrs Killen and Mrs Lindsey as well as our Administrator of nearly two decades Mrs Smith. This would take place at Whimple Cricket Club on Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> July around 5.00pm-7.00pm. This is open to family, colleagues, parents, pupils and ex pupils. A book of memories for both teachers to be brought to the party for the students to write their stories and sign. We are also saying goodbye to two governors Charlotte Woollam and Chris Martin. It is sad to see all of them go but wish them well for the future. A discussion of a collection is being decided.
- e. On Monday 17<sup>th</sup> July children in year 1 and 2 will be going on a school trip to Killerton to make a work of art to be displayed at Killerton for a couple of months.
- f. Maria Wallis would like to thank all those who helped at the Table Top Sale which raised £850+. The money raised will go towards the maintenance of the defibrillator which luckily has not been used yet.
- g. Maria wanted to inform us that the Government's Funding Formula, that would be detrimental to our school, is thankfully on hold. Pressure to move from being part of a Local Authority to becoming an Academy has also slowed.

**7. AOB**

- a. Caroline Rowe questioned whether spectators would need to pay to watch at the Bear Trail. She will look into this.
- b. Maria Wallis suggested that a good fundraiser would be a High Tea in the hall. A similar fundraising event had just taken place for a children's charity and had been a great success.
- c. Donna Woolston expressed concerns about the next Halloween Disco this Autumn Term. She has learnt that a Karate Club takes place in the hall at the time they will need to decorate and asked if the club could be moved for one session. Carole suggested that she speak to Ali Teirney about the hall hire.
- d. A discussion then continued about the theme of the disco. A small handful of families would not attend the disco because of the Halloween theme. It was decided to continue for this year's disco.
- e. It was suggested that Preschool could have a range of stalls at this year's Summer Fair in the Key Stage 1 Playground instead of having their own fair.

**8. Date of the next meeting**

13<sup>th</sup> June 2017

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