



**Friends of School meeting
Committee Meeting
12/01/2021**

Meeting held via Zoom which followed our AGM 8pm.

Present:

Natalie D Fran P
Marie C Dione A
Kate O’K Bill B
Leanne B

Apologies:

Jo B
Sarah M
Jenny D

Agenda Item	Details	Action for
1.	<u>Minutes of last meeting on 03.11.20</u> Minutes circulated & approved	
2.	<u>Matters arising from last meeting</u> None noted	
3.	<p><u>Christmas Activities</u></p> <p>Thank you to everyone involved in our Christmas activities this year:</p> <p>Dione & Jenny D – thank you for your input with the Xmas goodie bags and wrapping the books.</p> <p>Kate O’K – for organising and taking the lead with Cauliflower Cards. We all felt the quality of the designs were brilliant and despite COVID, the whole process was good. One thing to note for later this year is to get Cauliflower Cards to provide us with a postage label so that we can drop packages off at Post Office without having to wait for the collection!</p> <p>The Dorchester Rotary Club Raffle was also a success with £430 raised for school. And we even had a winner – well done Kate Q!</p> <p>Claire Tudge – thank you for all your work with the children to get them to produce their song! It was lovely.</p> <p>And finally, Dave L– thank you, thank you, thank you! From agreeing to get on board, all of your storyboard ideas and giving up your time; this is something we will be talking about for a very long time to come. This project was such a huge success and not only did you make us grown-ups shed a tear, you made Christmas super special for all the children at the school after what has been a very difficult year.</p>	

	Big thanks to Jo Ball & to your Uncle again too. Without your input, this wouldn't have been as special. Thank you.	
4.	<p><u>Fundraising Ideas</u></p> <p>a) Valentine's Day 14/02 gift shop</p> <p>Discussion around whether we can organise something for Valentine's Day, getting the children involved with making gifts. Maybe handmade roses with a special message inside. Under current COVID restrictions, this to be given some consideration with limited time to organise.</p> <p>b) Mother's Day 14/3 gift shop</p> <p>Again, some discussion whether or not we can organise something for Mother's Day, maybe put together an online store for aprons, tea towels, mugs etc. Kate shared an email who are able to produce organic cotton bags. Again, more investigation needed.</p> <p>c) Easter Holidays themed event around the village</p> <p>After the success of the Halloween event, the possibility was discussed about doing a similar event for Easter. Any ideas to Marie please!</p>	<p>ND</p> <p>K'OK / ND</p> <p>MC</p>
5.	<p><u>New Playground Project Launch;</u></p> <p>School have confirmed that the next big fundraising project they would like us to focus on is the playground revamp. School have suggested the actual playground surface needs to be replaced and getting a selection of companies in to have a look would our first step to see what needs to be done. Suggestions of companies required – FP will ask Milton Abbey School if they have any contacts.</p> <p>Discussion around other fundraising idea included a 'sponsored' planks/bricks/areas around the playground possibly bought by different families/community members to help finance the project.</p>	<p>ND</p>
7.	<p><u>Shed</u></p> <p>The shed door has come off and needs some immediate attention. Discussed that a tarpaulin could be used to 'dryproof' as a short-term answer. Marie has sourced a metal shed for £50 but in the current pandemic, arranging collection is not an option.</p>	<p>MC</p>

8.	<p>Second-hand Uniform clothing</p> <p>PTA Events platform has failed to launch, therefore we will be reverting back to FB and email for informing parents what second hand uniform is currently available. Natalie has quite a lot of uniform but it was agreed it's not possible to advertise for sale at present. We will have to wait until school's re-open to decide if it's possible to start selling. All agreed children will have grown, some quite considerably, so will be a good option to offer this to families.</p> <p>Up to date list to be produced ready to send to parents.</p>	ND
9.	<p>Any Other Business</p> <p>Thanks to Natalie for running a quick game of Bingo! After tonight's meeting – it was a nice way to end the evening!</p>	
10.	<p>DATE OF NEXT MEETING</p> <p>Monday 29th March @ 8pm via Zoom.</p> <p>Agenda items to Natalie please</p>	