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Friends of Earith School

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C/O Earith Primary School
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Meeting Minutes

4th March 2024

Meeting held at Earith Primary School

Attended By:	Tom Abbs (Head Teacher), Dan Wilderspin (Chair), Phil Mudge (Treasurer), Lizzie Dowell-McGrillan (Member), Steph Smith (member), James Bylett (member), Lynsey Dorrington (member)	Apologies	Kelly Swales (Member) Louise Miceli (Member) Gemma Wright (member) Amy Strong (Member) Laura Dartford (Secretary),
		Minutes taken by:	Lynsey Dorrington

Action Point	Title	Comments	Action	By whom
	Previous actions	There is a possibility to get an Asda grant for ICT equipment. 04/03 update – not heard anything yet, Phil to follow up. All other actions complete.	To look into this	Phil

1.	<i>Feedback for events since AGM</i>	<p>The Xmas bazaar went very well and raised nearly £1,800.</p> <p>Disco this generally went well, staff have raised concerns around safety issues with the glow bands so it was agreed not to have these for future discos. Some children brought phones with them which is a safeguarding concern and it was felt that the collection of children could be better.</p> <p>Bake sales continue to go well.</p> <p>There is approx. £11,000 in the FOES fund.</p>	<p>At the next disco to reiterate on posters that children cannot bring phones.</p> <p>To trial parents collecting children from the playground.</p> <p>No further purchases of glow bands</p>	<p>FOES</p> <p>Staff at school disco</p>
2.	<i>School trips and tech</i>	<p>Riddell class have had their school trip and Gold class are going next week.</p> <p>Jeffers and Shireen class trips are being planned. It was agreed that all classes should have the same amount of school trips.</p> <p>The head of ICT at the Trust has carried out an audit of what IT equipment the school currently has and will be putting together a refresh programme for the whole Trust. Once this is complete, around mid-April, there will be a clearer picture of what equipment FOES will need to help fund.</p>	<p>Agreement to be made on whether all classes will have one or two trips this year.</p> <p>Decision on what equipment is needed once details of the Trust's refresh programme is known.</p>	<p>Tom</p> <p>Tom</p>

3.	<i>Bake sales and non-uniform days</i>	<p>There are non-uniform days planned for World Book Day and World Maths Day, these are not fundraising events.</p> <p>There are non-uniform days planned for the last day of term before Easter and the last day of the summer term, these are fundraising events.</p> <p>19/04 - bake sale for Jeffers class combined with year six enterprise book sale. The bake sale money will go to FOES.</p> <p>7/06 – Shireen class bake sale</p> <p>19/07 – Riddell class bake sale and Gold class asked to contribute something to raffle with donations sent in the week before.</p>	<p>Collections at the school gate to be arranged</p> <p>Posters to be sent out</p>	<p>FOES</p> <p>Laura?</p>
4.	Easter	<p>Tom will be sending a letter out regarding events in school. There will be an egg hunt after school on the last day of term, with all school children getting a chocolate egg which will be handed out at the school gate by Tom. Dan agreed to help hide eggs.</p> <p>Stacey Buchannan is helping to source eggs, there are currently 105 children on the school roll.</p>	Eggs to be collected	Stacey / FOES

		It was agreed to have some chocolate lollies to give out to siblings who take part in the egg hunt.	Lollies to be purchased.	FOES
5.	<i>Quiz and Disco</i>	Disco is booked for 17/05. Quiz – Tom requested that there is not another quiz held in the summer term. This is due to the pressure it puts on volunteering school staff at a particularly busy and tiring time of the year who have already taken part in, and volunteered on multiple other events.	Poster to be sent out, refreshments purchased and FOES members to help planned. FOES to reconvene to 'The Ship' if wanting to organise/host	FOES
6.	<i>Sports Day</i>	This is planned for 24/05 it was agreed that FOES will run a can bar as previous years.	Drinks to be purchased and ice pops for children handed out end of day FOES members planned to support.	FOES
7.	<i>Sponsored walk</i>	This is planned for 4 th July in the morning and will have a history/geo theme – local landmarks School will plan the route.	FOES members to support with this.	FOES
8.	<i>AOB</i>	Tom explained that he would like all FOES members to go through the school recruitment process. He has been carrying this out with all other volunteers in school. This means that FOES members will not need to be supervised during things like bake sales and could support with school trips. This would include	FOES members will be contacted about this in time.	Tom

		<p>references, DBS check, safeguarding training and risk assessments.</p> <p>Tom requested that the FOES indoor cupboard is tidied as it is not currently fire compliant and ties in with work that is being done around school with tidying areas.</p> <p>Speed kick challenge has been arranged for April, any money raised will go to FOES.</p> <p>Tom has drafted a letter that will be sent to all parents this week regarding the pool. Mrs Deili who has previously taught swimming at the school is leaving shortly. Mr Dolezal who has helped with pool maintenance is also leaving. This along with ongoing issues with the pool may impact on swimming lessons this year. The pool is being inspected this week and it will be known then what the costs of repair are.</p>	<p>FOES members to arrange time this can be done and to agree with Tom.</p>	<p>FOES</p>
	<p><i>Next meeting</i></p>			