

FAIRFIELD PRIMARY PTA MINUTES – 13th January 2021

In attendance

Holly Woodhead (Chair), Linda Wood (Vice Chair), Becca Dunlop (Communications), Geoff Downie (Treasurer), Becky Tibbs (Secretary), Ilke Whitehorn, Rob Barton, Jane Goode, Helen Donohoe

Apologies

Kay Pitchford (Bidwriter), Natasha Shaw, Jo Pickavance

Item	Action
<p>Actions from last meeting</p> <p>Kay, Holly and Erin had met to discuss funding requirements. Kay was working on a couple of technology based funding bids.</p> <p>Holly thanked Becca for her work on the Friends of Fairfield name change and new logo.</p> <p>Accelerated Reader was on hold whilst pupils were at home. The long term objective of this project was to provide a desktop in each room to support pupil access.</p> <p>Amazon Smile had been set up and publicised on Facebook. Rob to add the link to the PTA page of the school’s website and Becca to publish a reminder on Facebook. Geoff confirmed that there had been activity linked to our account and details of the amount raised so far would be received in February.</p> <p>Geoff reported that the predicted annual income from the Allerdale lottery was £280.</p> <p>Jane and Becca to discuss setting up the Facebook Swapshop. They would also determine if it could be set it up without a donate button (but added later if needed).</p>	<p>RB, BD</p> <p>JG, BD</p>
<p>1. Update from Christmas activities</p> <p>Becca gave a summary of the activities. Friends of Fairfield provided decorations for school, and funded food and presents for the Christmas parties. They also organised the Gingerbread trail around Cockermouth. This had received very positive feedback and had engaged approximately 1,500 people through Facebook.</p> <p>There were challenges as on the second Friday, about a quarter of the school was at home due to isolation. This affected the amount of money raised. Party food for reception and nursery was not funded as they already paid for snacks as part of the provision. A small profit of £38 was made, although the prize costs were yet to be deducted. Becca to sort out the prizes and pick a winner.</p> <p>Holly and Rob passed on thanks from the school for the organising groups’ hard work.</p>	<p>BD</p>

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<p>2. Actions to support the school This was still in discussion at school and could be reported to a future meeting. Linda had approached Holly with a request for the Year 6 leavers party.</p>	
<p>3. Ideas for lockdown fun at home Footsteps for Fairfield – this could be to complete different challenges such as greatest total of footsteps, how many footsteps completed as a family, fancy dress footsteps and indoor challenges. Entry was proposed as a £1 charge or through sponsorship (through Facebook).</p> <p>School is organising activities every Friday – we could link free activities into this. The topics would change every week and included geography, history, STEM and art. Suggestions for activities were:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • create a costume/hat/mask, use recyclable materials, ask children to log into Teams wearing them. • art creations from each year group could be displayed around town – similar to the Gingerbread trail. • baking competition, submit entries by photo. <p>Holly to put together a list of ideas and circulate to members.</p>	HW
<p>4. Accounts update Geoff reported:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • £185 received for Halloween dress up. • £1,280 paid for KS1 water wall and other expenditure. • £3,985 current balance. • £189 due to be received from school for Christmas activities. • £400 due to be received for Cauliflower cards. <p>Geoff had updated the trustee details with the Charity Commission. He suggested formally changing the name to Friends of Fairfield due to potential confusion with names and accounting. Becky to check the constitution and how we could do this.</p>	BT
<p>5. Any Other Business - None</p>	
<p>6. Date of next meeting – 3rd March 2021</p>	