

# Friends of Orton School Meeting 17.06.25

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Minutes

Start: 3.40pm

Present: Joanna Hayward (Chair), Megan Cotton-Dew (Secretary), Debra Capstick (Treasurer), Amalia Williams, Sheryl Gower, Hannah Lingwood, Emma Pomfret

Apologies: Brogan Blakey, Vicki Capstick, Becs Shelton.

## **Summer Party: Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> July at 5.30 - 7.30pm**

Cooking the sausages in the oven (instead of using a BBQ) worked well last year. We will do this again this year.

Each class will be asked to contribute food to the bring and share table.

Rowan Class: savoury snacks/crisps/bread sticks

Birch Class: potatoes/salad/fruit/veg sticks

Oak Class: Cakes/sweets/puddings

FoOS will provide the drinks. Menna L has donated the remaining Fruit Shoots from Greenholme Show to FoOS so they can be used up.

FoOS to source 100 sausages. Jo Hayward will contact Dave Morland from Westmorland to ask if they are able to donate the sausages, or offer a good deal. Debra Capstick will contact Steadmans Butcher in Kirkby Stephen to ask what their costs would be.

FoOS to buy 100 bread buns, veggie sausages ???, napkins (if necessary), and sauces.

**Duck Race** - to run at the end of the party. Debra Capstick will organise this. The ducks will be £1 each. Debra will also hide some mini ducks

around the school – there will be a sweet for each duck found.

The winner of the duck race will win a chocolate duck from Orton Chocolate Factory. Jo Hayward will sort this out.

**Photo Booth** – There are some props left from last year. Jo H will source another sparkly curtain. The photos will be put on the Facebook page.

**Playlist of music** – this was done by one of the Year 6's last year. Brogan B may like to organise this this year. Jo H will ask her. Also need to source something to play it on. It was suggested to ask Vicki Capstick about a boom box.

**Jobs to do on the day:** Set the tables up in the Jubilee Garden; cook the sausages in the oven; arrange food and drink on the tables; make sure the napkins, plates, and sauces are ready; put out a rubbish bin; sort out the photo booth and music.

### **Leavers Gifts:**

As in previous years, a personalised pen will be purchased for each Y6 leaver. This has been well received in the past. The pen will be personalised with 'Orton Leavers 2025'.

### **PTA Going Forward**

Jo H brought up the topic of needing to divide the programme of events between helpers to allow the load to be shared. This idea was supported by everyone present at the meeting. The current programme of events is as follows, with the person who volunteered to organise the event highlighted in purple:

Jan: n/a

Feb: Table Top Sale & Textile collection (Hannah L)

March: World Book Day book swap (Brogan?) & Farmers Market - cakes & bulbs (Jo H)

April: Movie Night (Hannah L)

May: Disco (Megan C-D)

June: Ice Cream Fridays (Amalia)

July: Summer Party

August: n/a

September: Fell Race (Jo H)

October: Table Top Sale & Textile collection (Hannah L)

November: Christmas Stall at OMH (Debra C) & Wreath Making

December: Santa Shop (Megan C-D + ?) & Christmas Raffle (Vicki C?)

Also, bingo once a year – date to be decided.

It was noted that the Table Top sale raised more money than the textile collection. It was suggested to do both again this year and see which has the better return this time.

Debra Capstick has offered to do any marketing and advertisements for any of the events, if the organiser emails her the information.

Amalia has offered to dig up 100 bulbs and dry them out for next year's Farmers Market bulb sale. This would be a great help and save a good amount of money. It was noted that the compost needs to be stored in a dry place to avoid it getting water logged (which resulted in the bulbs rotting this year).

### **Plant Stall:**

The plant stall outside Jo H's house has made £120 in the past couple of weeks. This is a great result and Jo is happy and willing to propagate some plants from the school grounds to add to the stall. Amalia has offered her expertise to help. Emma P agreed to this. To assist with payment options for those who don't carry cash, the option to set up a QR code as a payment option was discussed. Hannah L will ask Chris L.

Another option is to add the BACS info to the sign so people can pay online. This will negate the need for people to have cash.

It was suggested to put a stall by the school gate. This proved successful in previous years. It was agreed to try this.

### **Marks and Spencer surplus stall:**

A request was made to school to show the income and expenditure from the money made from the M&S collections. This was provided by Vicky Percival. For 2023/2024:

£2025.17 received

£1584.17 paid out

£441 banked

The money made from the stall is put to good use in school and provides cash for extras that add great value to the children's school experience and environment. The food collection is on a Sunday at 4.30pm from Penrith. As a new member to the meeting, Sheryl G has suggested her husband may be able to assist with the collection – she will ask if he can help with this. Jo H will pass on the information. Important details to remember were reiterated - the most important being that chilled food must be kept chilled and disposed of in a timely manner.

### **Any Other Business:**

Emma P has requested a Colman Event Shelter for use in school events. It would be beneficial for a number of occasions, such as sports day. The members present agreed in principle to supporting this expenditure. Emma P will research costs and sizes.

### **Next Meeting:**

Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> September at 3.30pm

AGM – Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> October at 3.30pm

Meeting concluded: 4.55pm