

Friends Of Whitefield Meeting

Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> November 2017

The Brown Hare – 6PM

**Attendees:** Katie Mitchell, Niky Hanlon, Jessica Haslem, Becky Caslake, Sheralyn Holmes

**Appointment Of Chairperson** No applications received for position of Chairperson. Katie Mitchell to Chair meeting until position is taken over, or further plans are made.

**Actions From Last Meeting**

- Electronic copy of Treasurer's Report still to be obtained
- Quiz and Curry night cancelled due to lack of interest. This could be due to clash of dates with high school open evenings or parent's evenings. Possible suggestions for combatting this in future are to enquire with High Schools about open evenings, change the date, January suggested, or change the event to a comedy night or similar.
- All school children got to vote on which film they wanted to be shown at the Community Cinema, and Despicable Me 3 was chosen. There have been plenty of offers of help for this event! 160 tickets sold and 20 remaining, however, reports of money being given back to parents as they were told the event was sold out. Possible miscommunication to be addressed.
- The Secret Santa Room forms have been distributed, and requests are coming back in already. Buying is almost complete. Discussion about the possibility of the 'Elves' (FoW Helpers) to go and collect children from class, to save adding to teacher's workloads.
- Penwortham Gala seemingly falls during school holidays, and for this reason it could be logistically tricky to organise a float and/or involvement. Alternative event suggestion of the Christmas Tree Festival at St Leonard's Church (held in November) for next year.
- Camp Team! Becky Caslake and Jessica Haslem have looked into the viability of a family camp. Guidance received from the local council and from the Head Teacher, indicating we can go ahead with the idea. A form will be sent to parents to gauge interest, before further details will be looked into.

**Spending**

- Following discussions from the last meeting, Katie Mitchell has liaised with school regarding what they would like funding help with. It has been suggested that some 'Outdoor Learning Pods' could be purchased. The first Outdoor Learning Pod would

be free and a further five more can be bought for a total cost of £4500. School would fund the base for the Pods, extend the path and change the layout for the allotments.

- Awaiting response from school about a personal spending allowance of £100 per year group as a gift from FOW.
- Following the agreed expenditure for Hoodies, leavers disco, insurance etc, along with the Outdoor Learning Pods, the balance would be £2788.52 in the bank.
- It is agreed that money will not be spent on drainage to the field/adventure play area, or outdoor storage on the playground at present.
- Repairs to existing football nets possible. Jessica Haslem to look into it.
- School to be asked if they are still interested in a laptop for the school hall. Specification and requirements would be needed before a decision is made, and plans for safe storage of equipment would need to be discussed.
- Extension of the KS2 playground discussed. Proposal of once the costs were worked out, setting up a visual target board for parents to promote interest in the fundraising. School plans to consider, for example layout changes.

#### Other Business

- Concern during last disco of a child with a mobile phone in the bathroom. Risk assessment to be carried out regarding safeguarding of children having mobile phones at the discos. Potentially adding to disco letter that phones are not to be brought, as emergency contact number is given on the form, so children should have no need for a mobile.
- Disco was successful, lots of helpers. Sweets sold at the disco were much better in packets, as opposed to penny sweets.

Next Meeting Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> January 2018, 6pm at the Brown Hare.