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FRIENDS OF LADY HASTINGS SCHOOL

Agenda

Monday 13th October – Apres, Boston Spa – 7.30pm

Present	Apologies
Hayley Cullen (HC) Katie Fraser Smith (KFS) Louise Davies Lisa Pendleton Anne Marie Bartoszewicz Jenny Firth	Helen Naylor Amanda Humphries Fiona Spence Sharon Leonard

1. **Movie Night – Tuesday 4th November**

Decide on Movie

Book bag flyers to go out the week before half term

Popcorn & boxes to buy (HC)

Volunteers to get together – Minimum 6 needed

Minutes:

Ask the children for suggestions – ask each class school council member to gather 3 or 4 suggestions

HC to do book bag flyer – to put on that the children can come in there Jim Jams if they would like

Volunteers for the event:

Hayley Cullen (HC)

Katie Fraser Smith (KFS)

Louise Davies

Lisa Pendleton

Anne Marie Bartoszewicz

Jenny Firth

2. **Design a Christmas card**

Find a different supplier/ any other ideas?

Minutes:

Decided against the idea as the response was not great last time & for the organisation & profit made it probably wasn't worth doing!

3. Christmas Fair – Friday 28th November after school

Own clothes day booked for Friday 21st November

Decide on activities

Competitions/Raffles?

Stall holders to contact

Volunteers to get together

Any new ideas

Minutes

- *We want a bigger room for the secret wrapping room, with more helpers as last year we did not have enough people to help all the children that wanted to choose presents for their parents & some children did not get to participate.*
- *Suggested small donation (50p/£1) on entry – however no entry fee charged*
- *Run a raffle & sell tickets before hand, also sell raffle tickets at the entrance – we need to find a few ‘top prizes’ donated from any willing local business, we could also put together a wine hamper.*
- *Get a license for alcohol (HC to apply) as we will be selling mulled wine (& mince pies) for the adults*
- *Fewer games, but much bigger selection of tombola’s & lucky dips – as these are the activities that are by far the most popular – still trying to come up with some novel twists on the traditional tombola/ lucky dip – ideas so far: Sweetie tombola, Boys & Girls Tombola, Teddy Tombola, Separate Boys & Girls Lucky dip, ‘Pull the String’ Lucky dip or Match Attack Lucky dip. Hopefully we can focus more of our volunteer help on these rather than spreading them too thinly & not having enough help where it is needed most.*
- *Baubles/ Christmas cracker decorating area has been suggested*
- *Show a short Christmas movie on a loop (like Ice Age Christmas or Shrek the Halls – only about 20 mins long) in one of the classrooms, with popcorn, the children will be supervised by a couple of helpers giving the parents time to have a browse around the stalls or have a mulled wine & chat – child-free!*
- *Look for stall holders – possible put them in an available classroom, leaving the hall for refreshments, activities, tombolas & lucky dips*
- *Once again, we need more volunteers so that the activities that we do choose are well supported & we would like to give all volunteers the chance to actually participate in the fair rather than just ‘working’ the whole time, as the last few years we have not been able to give them this break.*

4. Christmas Lunch at the Pax

Like ladies lunch from last year – but open to dads as well!!

Friday 19th December – Check with The Pax

5. Race/Quiz Night at The Pax

Maybe not enough time before Christmas – possible in Feb time?

Someone to take the lead on planning this

6. Xmas Disco re-scheduled

Mrs Ulyett felt the calendar was too full before Christmas so would like it to be in early 2015

Other suggestions for early 2015

- Photography session organised by Sharon Leonard.
- Bedtime stories event to be done in Jan/February
- Table top sale (like a car boot sale) – pay £10 for a table, they keep their takings, FOS run a refreshment/Bacon sandwich stall. Choose a Sunday morning in early spring.
- Sponsored event – suitable for adults & children – we would like to do this in spring when the weather is a little better – possibly do a sponsored walk. Would like to find someone/ small group of people to head this up.
- Summer Fair – to be changed to a Summer Gala evening – possibly on a Friday after school when the evenings are lighter & longer, start with a movie night in the hall for the kids, while the kids are inside the adults are outside enjoying a barbeque & drinks (there would be food & drinks for the children also), have a pimms tent & a bar, possibly some live music, then have inflatables & possibly a bucking bronco (suitable for adults & kids!?), a couple of games like lucky dip & cheap kids games, raffle & possible an auction? It has been suggested that a change in format & time might be a good way to increase peoples interest & participation & it doesn't eat into everyones weekends, plus it may require slightly fewer volunteers & make it a little easier to pull together in comparison to the summer fair, which is a lot of work!

Next newsletter....Publicise dates for events once again – It has been decided a stand alone newsletter rather than attached to the main school newsletter would be better & may stand more chance of being read!

Urgently need a treasurer,

More volunteers on the contact list – some more reception/ year 1 parents/carers would be great

Like us on facebook... 'Friends of Lady Hastings School'

Volunteers for Christmas Fair – sign up sheet/ email to all on contact sheet

Own clothes day – Book bag flyer week com. 17th Nov

Next Meeting date – Still To Be Confirmed