

FRIENDS OF RETTENDON SCHOOL
Minutes of meeting held Friday 20th April 2018, 1.30pm
Venue: Thomas Kemble beer garden

Present

Karen Ballantyne
Karen Seymour
Suzanne Ward
Lian Simmonds
Michelle Ride

Apologies

Anna Armiger
Amanda Barlow
Tracy Cunningham
Kim Montgomery
Debbie Little
Catherine Salisbury
Shannon Abbott

Katy Jarrett
Lucy Laing
Gurenda Newing
Bekki Swift
Gemma Kemp
Ali Gardner
Gemma Gouldsmith

Recent Events

a) Coffee Afternoon, Friday 9th March

Thank you to all for the cake donations – delicious as usual, and a successful afternoon raising funds. Leftover cake was sold to the children after school and in total we raised £72.50

b) Bingo Night, scheduled for Friday 23rd March

Cancelled due to lack of interest.

Forthcoming Events

a) Royal Tiger, Friday 4th May

Tracy designed posters and flyers for the event. Karen B gave to each class for the children to take home – awaiting responses.

- Karen S to ask Class Ambassadors to publicise and encourage attendance.
- Tracy will collect the monies and distribute the tickets.

b) Movie Night, Tuesday 22nd May

Film – Paddington 2

- Suzanne to print poster, invitations and tickets
- Karen S to collect monies, distribute tickets and buy the popcorn & bottle of water etc.
- Karen B, Karen S, Suzanne, Michelle and Catherine confirmed availability to help with logging children in/out and crowd control. – **If anyone else is available to help, please let Suzanne know.**

c) Sports Day, Monday 25th June

(SINCE TAKING THE MINUTES, THIS HAS MOVED TO TUESDAY 26th JUNE)

We assume that, as in recent years, multi-sports will take place in the morning and the races will be in the afternoon. We agreed to provide a refreshments stall containing tea, coffee and cake, as well as a soft drink option for siblings. We will sell pre-loved uniform for a 50p donation per item. We will also sell Ice Lollies after the event rather than ask an external Ice-Cream van to attend.

We agreed to buy approx. 150 ice-creams, sell them from insulated ice boxes and we decided on the following types to cater for all tastes: Calippo, Magnum, Rocket Lolly and FAB/Nobbly Bobbly, priced at £1 per lolly.

- Karen B to ask school if we can use the staffroom freezer to store the ice-creams overnight
- Suzanne and Michelle to shop for the ice-creams
- Karen S to ask Class Ambassadors to request cake donations
- Amanda to add a FB event containing refreshments, uniform sale, and post event ice-cream sale
- Gemma K, Lian, Karen B, Michelle, Suzanne are available to help - **ALL Please advise Suzanne if you are available to help with this event if you haven't already done so (Thank you to those who have).**

d) Summer Show, Saturday 14th July 2018, 1pm – 5pm

Karen S advised that the wristbands for the Bouncy Castles should arrive mid May, also that Jack of All Sports wants to know how much space he has available for use – he will advise of his activity soon.

Karen B will collect addresses for advertisement boards and forward on to Temme English, she will also advertise the Event on Facebook sites closer to the time.

Suzanne advised that she will continue to look for more activities for the arena –Mexican Hat Parade, HKD Dance, JW Tennis are confirmed so far...

We do not, as yet, have a band to provide live music. **Please can we all try to find some live music** for free, or at very little cost?

ALL Please advise of your availability for this event, and what you are able to commit to doing.

Help required prior to the event:

- Collecting money for, and distributing wristbands
- Collecting and sorting Giving Tree items to equip the FRS stalls
- Encouraging parents to come along to the show and spend some time on the stalls
- Sourcing 'win a prize every time' prizes
- Taking ownership of an FRS stall, ensuring we have all items/equipment ready
- Creating price lists and rules for the stalls
- Creating a rota for a stall/stalls, ensuring they are manned for the whole day

Help required on the day of the event:

- Set Up the show (moving items from the school to the field and setting up stalls with tables, gazebos, banners, games and prizes. We usually start this at 8.30am)
- Man a stall

- Clear Up after the show (Clear away the gazebos, tables, left-over prizes etc., moving items back to the school, collecting rubbish. We are usually finished by 6.00pm ish)

AOB

a) Rockstar Maths Program

Mrs Barber asked the FRS to consider paying for a school-based membership for the Rockstar Maths online program which would enable all school families free access to it. The one off fee is £159. All in attendance agreed FRS to provide payment for this.

b) Bookcases

Mrs Meecham asked the FRS to consider paying for two bookcases purchased via the school's designated supplier to be put into the new KS2 library (next to class 4) at a cost of £339.52 each. All in attendance agreed FRS to provide payment for this.

c) FRS Treat for the children

Those in attendance agreed that it would be nice to arrange an end of term treat/experience for the children which could possibly be held during school hours during the last week of term (when most of the children's work and teachers deadlines have been met).

ALL Please be ready with suggestions/research ideas ready for the next meeting – If you can't make the next meeting, please email the suggestions/ideas to Suzanne

Date of next Meeting/s

TBC via email and Facebook