FRIENDS OF DIPTFORD SCHOOL COMITTEE.

Held at Roger and Cheryls house on Thursday 11th of November 2021 @ 19.30

Minutes

1. **Apologies**

* Amy Lethbridge
* Jodie Talbot

1. **Minutes from last meeting** – Jo Signed
2. **Chairs Report**

The spooky disco was well attended, and I think ran fairly smoothly, although in future some party games may help keep the children calmer! We made £200+ profit.

Since our last meeting Totnes Rotary club have been in touch to congratulate us on our fundraising efforts for the raft race and have very kindly transferred £400 into our account as recognition for the great work we are doing for the school! This is, as I’m sure you will all agree, absolutely fantastic. It brings our total raised to over £1300!

The tidy up day held at the beginning of the month was a great success. The painter from the Trust came and started painting the prefab classrooms using the paint Kim kindly managed to get us for free. A team were also in the playground painting fences and sweeping leaves, it looks much better. We also managed to place some tarmac chippings in the mud kitchen area and lay some steps and a slide to make it a more usable, safe area. Paul and Chris are hoping to get some woodchip at the weekend to lay on top of the chippings. The next tidy up day is Saturday 4th December from 1pm, any time people can give is always greatly received.

I have received a list of sports equipment which the children and teachers have put together. Jodie has given me a link to consortium education with the items required. However, they are happy for us to source them from elsewhere. Now it would be helpful to send a list out to parents in the hope they may like to gift some items to school.

The FODS Christmas lunch I have booked at Rattery Church House Inn on 8th December at 12pm. Currently I have 3 people attending including myself, so please could everyone let me know their orders as soon as possible!

We have booked a table at the advent fayre on 20th November to do a second-hand toy and book stall. The WI have kindly said if we don’t make enough money, they will refund us the £10 stall fee. I have asked for helpers on the WhatsApp groups but so far only have one helper.

1. **Treasurers Report**

- Raft race made about £1300+ (Totnes Rotary Club has donated an extra £400 to FODS in recognition of how much money they have raised by doing the raft race)

- Spooky disco made £200+

- Diptfest made £900+

As Roger only reported 3 weeks ago, the figures are all similar to the previous report.

1. **Fundraising request from School**

From Jodie:

* Skipping Ropes
* Footballs
* Tumble Tower
* Hula Hoops
* Leg Skips
* Football goals
* Large Connect Four
* Bats and balls

Elle to look at prices/compare and possibly look at sending out an email to see if there are any parents that might want to ‘buy the school a Christmas gift’ up to £30. Roger is going to ask Louise Lethbridge about Diptford community fund and Jo is going to call NFU and see if they are taking community funding applications as well. It was also said that we may put the £400 extra from Totnes Rotary towards it as well.

Fundraising Ideas:

**Advent Fayre**

Firework pictures to go up on each end of the village hall (Boards) from school. Hoping school will put them up on Friday afternoon. Have requested any secondhand toys to sell at the advent fayre as well as help via WhatsApp. Jo to be there and Sophie has said she can help for a bit.

**Christmas tea towels etc.**

In hand – Cheryl has sorted. Orders need to be back by 15.11.21 and the tea towels should be here for beginning December.

**Pub Quiz**

Jo spoke to Will at the Church House Inn, Rattery. Saturday evenings were not possible and he would prefer a week night. Discussed other options and Jo is going to speak to Harberton Pub as an option and see what they have to offer. 15th January 2022 ideally. Mrs Setter hopefully will do questions and we will hold a raffle. Elle going to email local companies/attractions to see if we can get some prizes donated. Jo, Elle & Cheryl to head up a committee to help organize.

**Body shop grids**

Haven’t heard anything more from Teresa so holding off at present. Was discussed that if it was to go ahead before Christmas then vouchers might be a good idea so people can spend in January.

**Christmas Craft Day**

Jodie is happy for parents to come in and help but need to do a lateral flow test and wear a mask – no swapping of classrooms either. Jo to look and see what we have from previous years. Make lanterns (battery operated tea lights), crackers, stamp wrapping paper, wooden decs etc. Need 5 activities per group. Approx. £3 per child spend. Need people to help with crafts as well as Christmas lunch – WhatsApp message to be sent. Clare Morman is sourcing books and organising Father Christmas (Jo is going to double check). Cheryl to ask Rachel about layout and arrangements in the hall.

**Christmas Social afternoon/evening**

16th December 2021 after school 3-5pm. Jodie organising children to sing carols. Mulled wine and mince pies to be served as well as squash in large glass jars. Event shelter possibly over table. Kim to supply camping stove and large saucepan for warming mulled wine. Cheryl to get mince pies and warm at home and walk across to school warm. Jodie to get the children to invite the community in but roger is going to check the date of the church carol concert so it doesn’t clash. Donation bucket for carol singing instead of charging for refreshments. Jo to see if Rotary can come and present the money at this event and maybe get the local paper involved.

**Christmas lunch for parents**

Only 3 people replied so far so if you would like to go then please reply with your menu choices. Holding at the Church House Inn, Rattery 8th Dec.

Agree a date for next meeting – 10/01/2022 @ a pub TBC (pre quiz meeting)

A.O.B

- FODS to send out a parent’s ‘skills form’/’how could you help the school’ to fill in so we can see who might be able to help us throughout the year. Can be anything from gardening, builder, business’s that maybe able to donate vouchers/prizes etc.

- Maintenance and tidy up days – going well and lots attended the previous afternoon. Next date is 04/12/21. Jo to speak to Beverley Sugden about the ‘quiet area’ and help with what plants to put in and where. Also, a message to see if there are any parents that might be able to help with a seating area in the field with a shelter over the top. This would be more for the whole school whereas the canopy is mostly for the Little Dippers/Dippers.

- November FODS draw

3rd – Lucy Carrol

2nd – McCready

1st – Sue Franklin

- Uniform – ordering to go online with free delivery to school. Still 2 options of places to buy from.

- Bags to School

Roger to book a date just after Feb half term 2022. Hopefully we can do a jumble sale of the better items to help raise extra funds.

- Reminder to be sent out about Amazon Smile and how parents can earn moneys for FODS when they purchase.

- Piece for paper regarding raft race maybe joint with Rotary Club.