

Arkholme C.of E. Primary School

P.T.F.A Meeting

Monday 13th November – 7.00pm

Minutes

Present - Danielle Barker, Katy Waddington, Elle Fox, Gill Chase, Rebecca Jackson-Pitt, Karen Swindlehurst, Hayley Whitaker, Emma Muckalt, Brenda Ireland, Beryl Waddington.

Apologies – Joy Ingram, Andy Bonwick, Charley Shires.

Arkholme 150 – Christmas Fayre

Food – hog roast (pulled pork)

2 half shoulders split to fit in slow cookers KW, DB

Hot dog sausages

Paper mache pigs head DB

Luxury hot chocolates

Mulled wine

Gingerbread and shortbread men and women MJ

Bouncy Brian – chestnut machine, cost? KW

Candy Floss Machine DB

Parched Peas

Father Christmas' Grotto.

Keith Budden (Katy's Dad) to be asked to be FC KW

Eliza, Katie and Helen to be asked to be Elves GC

Decorate porch area outside class 2 with fabric, fairy lights, christmas tree and a fire. Comfy chair for FC

Sacks of fake gifts

Christmas tree decorated with bows, orange slices and wooden decorations to make it victorian.

Traditional gifts from FC, model aeroplanes, marbles, wind up toys, yo yo's. Hawkins Bazaar, great for that (easyfundraising)

£3 to see him per child, includes laminated photograph and gift.

Prebook time slots to avoid people queuing and missing the rest of the fayre. Slips in book bags to prebook.

Jam jar tombola – filled, ask parents for these.

Chocolate tombola – drawn by corks out of something, fake snow/water beads or similar, chocolate via a non uniform day, payment in chocolate or a bottle! Wednesday 22nd Nov.

Bottle tombola – see above.

Home made produce stall, cakes, preserves etc.

Hook a duck

Dress up in Victorian costume and take sepia photos- Christine Turner.
Class 3? Blacked out windows 'No grown ups allowed' children can choose and wrap a gift for a family member for christmas. Donations of wrapping paper greatly received.
Small gifts to be paid for by PTFA. £1 ish per item?
The children are making crafts to sell.
Prep night the night before Thursday 30th with mulled wine, décor, Grotto etc.

Other Christmas events.
Disco 20th Dec 1:30-3:30 – KW to book DJ
Crackers for Christmas dinner.

Fundraising

Hayley and Emma explained the need for new IT equipment in school, laptops and ipads were agreed to be the next target for fundraising.
It was agreed to spend £292 on 6 Beebots with docking station.
Cameras have been purchased for each class.
Call for CD player donation for Class 1 on newsletter.
EM and HW to put together a wishlist with prices and give to PTFA.
The lack of funds in school was mentioned, with the need for basic supplies such as glue sticks, craft things, paper, card, pens, crayons etc.
We will create a 'Stationery Bank' for parents to donate items to school. KW newsletter
Sponsor for seniors Football kit needed, KW to put in newsletter.
All agreed that grant funding is something we need to spend time on, KW to email log in details for Grants4Schools to BW for circulation to Governors. EF to approach local companies.
Possibility of 'Gofundme' or 'Justgiving' 'Virginmoney' etc for the 150th year.

Library has been given the go ahead with the fitting of fire detectors. We will form a working party to do some decorating and remedial works ready for contractors to replace the floor.

Danielle has an Eden Crafts event to raffle off, date tbc.

EF to get hold of a clear pipe so we can fill it with 2p's possibly to the height of MrB! Great for everyone to see the progress of the fundraising. Target for a specific thing.

Jumble sale went really well, will do again next year but will need more volunteers.
£534.47 raised.

A.O.B.

Feedback from a parent that earlier meetings would mean better attendance (in response to heads comments 12 months ago at the last AGM). Explained that we alternate meetings to cover all bases, one at 3:30pm followed by a 7pm, the last two have been the later time due to the AGM being planned 12 months in advance but the next meeting is after school. However attendance has improved massively since the last AGM anyway.

All thanked for their time for what was an uncharacteristically long meeting.