

23rd September 2020

Friends of the Mead (FOM) Exec Committee - AGM

Present: EK (Chair), AP (Vice chair), MG (treasurer), TA (Sec)

The first meeting of the academic year would usually be the AGM however, due to COVID, this has had to be cancelled. It was noted – and has already been communicated to the wider community – that the executive committee (EK, MG & AP) are remaining in their posts other than TM who has been replaced by TA.

Action CLASS REPS to confirm by return email any objections. If no objections the committee shall proceed.

Action MG to prepare and circulate FOM's accounts (and circulate highlights) for 2019/20.

Action EM to prepare a summary of FOM's achievements over the same period.

FOM Commitments

The committee agreed that their priority this year, fundraising notwithstanding, was to provide as much fun and excitement for the children as possible in recognition of the very difficult time they have had over the past year. The confines of Covid and restrictions are ever changing and so support and flexibility from FOM, the school and parents will be key in creating fun and happy memories over the next few months for all.

It was also noted how many parents are missing the social aspect of FOM events and particularly how if you are a new parent in the current climate it must be very hard to feel part of The Mead community which the school and FOM have worked so hard to build up over the years. **Action EK** to liaise with AW regarding the possibility of a fortnightly Newsletter to include FOM news.

Fundraising ideas

- Christmas cards - the templates for xmas cards have gone out this week. Some are being done at home and some are being done within school (nursery, years 4-6). This fundraiser normally generates £500, which in current climate where our hands are tied with a lot of events, would be very welcome.

We agreed a process to collect money/order forms **Action EK** to gain agreement from AW.

- We would love to do a xmas hamper raffle this year, as we feel that we can raise a good amount of money (around £1k) and still be within the current government guidelines. **Action CLASS REPS** to handle the creation of the hamper. They will collect money from each of the parents by bacs (to their personal accounts for the sake of ease), and then source the relevant items for the hamper. Once made they can be put in reception, where photos can be taken and emailed out to the parents. Raffle ticket envelopes will be distributed to parents via the children, and then we will use the same collection process of the tickets/money as per the process for the xmas cards above. We will then hand the raffle stubs into Elizabeth and - after a 72 hours - AW can pick the winners and Elizabeth can email the winners.

- **Themes will be allocated after half term** and CLASS REPS can determine their own wish list and the contributions required from each parent to achieve this, usually £5-10 max.
 - It was agreed this was a successful process followed by TA last year when she was Y4 rep which worked well and should probably be used going forward throughout, even post Covid.
- We discussed a number of ideas of fun things for the children to do in the next half of the term over the festive period. **Action EK** to liaise with AW about the logistics of these ideas.
- **Action TA** to liaise with Miss Victoria about the 12 Days of Christmas idea.
- **Action MG** to think about video/editing options.

Future projects

We currently have just over £13k in the bank, and currently £2k earmarked for the rest of the playground invoice (£7k remaining to be paid, Wishford's contribution £5k). There are one or two areas FOM would like to focus on within the school as the next project. **Action EK** to liaise with AW.

One project that never got finalised due to schools closing in March was the library. **Action EK** to discuss with AW is there any way we could finish this off.