

Friends of Witchampton Meeting
16th November 2020 9:30am on Zoom
And continued at 7:30pm on Zoom

Friends Present: Louisa Ambrose (Chair), Sarah Edwards (Treasurer) Margareta Wilkie-Stanley (Secretary) Catherine Mason, Katherine Tizzard, Frances Trussell, Jodie Coda, Louisa Ambrose, Lauren Grant, Suzie Hayter, Cassie Schofield, Laura Collie.

Fundraising for Autumn/Winter 2021

- **Cauliflower Cards** – KT has this in hand and submissions sent.
- **Clothing Bank** – CS suggested that it would be good to remind the local community and any new parents at the school that everyone can put clothing donations into the bank. Photographs to be taken and sent to the Witchampton village and Friends Facebook pages.

*It was subsequently noted that the Village hall also has a clothing recycling bank but we have put a notice on the school bank to advise that it is for public use.

- **Christmas Raffle** – CS felt that it was now too late to start finding prizes for a Christmas raffle and felt that it should become bi-annual. Little Owls are also doing a Christmas raffle this year. MWS was concerned as this was our biggest annual fundraiser and Christmas is a unique time when people are looking to spend. The Committee decided that a smaller raffle should instead happen alongside our Easter Fair in 2022.
- **Printed bags** – JC felt that this could be a nice personalised item to sell at Christmas. MWS reminded that two boxes of out of date printed tea towels had recently been recycled. JC is going to look at costs to see if we can reinvigorate the idea by having advanced sales and then having additional for sale at the Easter Fair.
- **Coffee and Craft** -LA felt that we needed a “Christmas term fundraiser. After discussion we have decided to hold a “Coffee and Craft” event on Monday 6th December in the Village hall. JC has booked the hall for this purpose. KT and LC are looking at different craft ideas using predominantly the craft resources that we already have to minimise costs.
Mrs Jenkinson had asked if we could do anything for food poverty so we will have a small stocking filler stand where proceeds can go to the foodbank.
MWS queries whether we might also offer glitter tattoos?
We will ask the parents to donate cakes.
Indicative interest in attending will be expressed via Parentmail but payments for each craft and food/drink will be made in cash on the day. The event will run from after school at 3:15-6pm

*Due to the increased COVID risk, Mrs H was not comfortable with an inside fundraiser. Instead on behalf of the school, the PTA/parents held a sale of take away doughnuts, a foodbank collection and a “stocking filler sale” with proceeds going to the Foodbank.

- **Affiliate Links and Matched Funding** -to be sent out to all including new Hedgehog parents. JC has good links with Tesco if we require “gifted” items.

Future Fundraising Events and Dates

- **January Quiz** – Proposed 15th January 2022. Date is now booked at the club and tickets will be sold once we have found an easy way of receiving funds.
- **Easter Fair**
Mrs Middlebrook confirmed that the marquee will be up until the 7th April (term breaks 8th).
Therefore the last possible date would be the first week in April.

Date of Next Meeting

Because of the current COVID situation, communication in the short term will remain virtual. LA to propose the next meeting when applicable.