

Friends committee meeting Tuesday 19th March 2019

Present: Sarah E, Kirsty, Tarah, Cath, Millie, Katherine T

Apologies: Eve, Nina, Cassie

Treasurer's report:

Roughly 4000 GBP in the bank

Funds still available to classes as follows:

Badgers 400 GBP to spend

Hedgehogs 150 GBP to spend

Foxes 200 GBP to spend

Money still allotted for the reflection area and the sofa for the Hive.

Mrs Jenkinson has requested 200 GBP for construction equipment to be used by the whole school.

Friends suggested putting a call out for lego contributions (Millie) and organizing a LEGO day (Cath)

Improvements to outdoor area/running track:

Mrs Hancock attended the meeting to propose using Friends funding to cover the cost of interactive play equipment to enhance the school's new running track which will be installed in the summer term. This idea was welcomed by the committee as it would make the daily mile more exciting and enhance outside play time overall.

Mrs Hancock will supply friends with brochures, highlighting her favoured choices for the track and then put it to the children to vote on their preferred options.

Milldown First School and Knighton House School have similar equipment and it was thought a trip there to see theirs would be beneficial.

The Amphitheatre is still a very popular project but until the school knows what is happening to the proposed development site this project is on hold.

Open Gardens 15-16th June

Sarah Edwards met with the Open Gardens committee and we were given the green light to go ahead with plans for the gardens for the weekend.

A mufti day will be organized after May half term to ask for donations of plants. It was decided that a more coordinated effort would be useful this year assigning different classes different types of plants.

We need to enlist the help of an experienced gardener who can put a plan of action into place for willing volunteers to follow in the run up to the event. Cath to contact Mel and Mark Lyons and Isaacs Dad to see if they can help.

Cath also suggested speaking to Debbie Bright of Whites of Witchampton to see if she would be happy to spend a couple of hours in the garden each month to keep everything in order in addition to the input from the facilities manager. CM to find out how much this sort of service would be.

Save the Children Float

Kirsty suggested entering WFS in the Save the Children Parade in December as a marketing exercise for the school. Kirsty will speak to the school to see if they are interested in getting involved and Friends could support.

End of Year Disco

A beach theme was discussed for the end of year disco on Monday 22nd July 3:45-5:15.

Kids to come to school in mufti and then go straight to the village hall after school with parents for the disco. Mrs Hancock is happy with this plan.

Ticket price would be 2.50. The cost of the disco 160 GBP will be covered by Friends.

Friends Easter Egg Hunt

Cassie and Eve organizing – thank you!