

## **FOR Monthly Meeting**

**9.15am Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> November – Ryelands school library**

**Present:** Georgie, Ritchie, Glenn, Telisha, Vanessa, Natalie, Louise, Chloe, Janet, Michelle.

### **Chair update:**

Georgie introduced everyone to Vanessa who will be taking over the role of Treasurer.

We are still in the process of getting access to our account. Georgie has lodged a formal complaint with Natwest so the issue will, hopefully, soon be resolved. The most recent balance was £5,734.10 at the 3<sup>rd</sup> August. We also have a float of £471.71 in change.

Once we have control Georgie will get statements and the charity commission paperwork will be done. We will also have a treasurer update at each meeting.

### **Dinner and Darts Night:**

Dinner and Darts Night is scheduled for Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> November. Scott is project managing the event. It will start at 20.30 and tickets are priced at £8. We all need to help to sell tickets in advance.

Scott has bought a small trophy and two packs of darts. An appeal for raffle prizes will go into the newsletter.

The Enmore Road Club has given a quote of £80 for food. This is an estimate based on around 30 people and would include a meat and a vegetarian option.

The main prize is still to be decided upon.

### **Christmas Fair:**

There will be a mufti day on December 3<sup>rd</sup>. This will be £1 per child and broadly Christmas themed. **Chloe** to design posters for the countdown to Christmas Mufti day and the Christmas Fair itself.

We now have a Father Christmas. We are swapping our left-over grotto stock from last year with Oasis Shirley Park; this will mean we have 60 “Twas The Night Before Christmas” books.

Each class has been asked to do a stall; **Louise** to keep asking teachers. The tables are free to book but a raffle prize must be donated. This will be put in the newsletter. Begging letters have been going out; Georgie has the list. **Natalie** will continue to approach shops.

We hope to have access to the main hall from 10.00 and the dinner hall from 14.00. There will be stalls along the corridor to connect the two halls. We will soon be asking for volunteers. **Ritchie** to organise alcohol license.

There will be a separate Christmas Fair meeting to come.

### **Playground update:**

Mr Lilo was approached by a Playground Equipment company offering a large discount if purchased before the end of November. The trim trail portion of the playground will cost £10,000. It was agreed to use £4,000 from the FOR account and £6,000 borrowed from the school to achieve this total. FOR events will then payback the money to the school over the next few years. This will allow the trail to be built and would complete the playground works.

We will continue to give to each class at the end of school year but each class teacher must prepare a brief proposal and supply a written thank you. It was also agreed to add Dragonfly class. This would mean 16 classes in total.

### **AOB:**

The deadline for ordering Christmas cards is 16<sup>th</sup> November. This will go in the newsletter.

The easyfunding website and the Amazon smile website were recommended and we should encourage people to buy their Christmas shopping through them. We have already raised over £1,000 with easyfunding.

We are looking to do a sponsored colour run. **Janet** will ask Oasis Shirley Park who needs to be contacted to use the recreation field.

**Glenn** will contact Arena school to see if it would be possible to use their lecture hall for a film night.

Currently Georgie, Ritchie and Brenda have been DBS checked and more are in the process. Please see Vanessa if you would like to be checked.

**Date of next meeting:**