

Friends of Longwick Committee Meeting Minutes.

Tuesday 19th November 2024

Attendees

Vicky Clarke (VC) - Chair
Rachel Armstrong (RA) - Treasurer
Alix Locke (AL) - Secretary
Mrs L Barton (LB) - Teacher representative
Hayley Parkes (HP)
Gemma Lunnnon (GL)
Kat Spybey (KS)
Hannah Moore (HM)
Abby Dunn (AD)

Apologies

Sharon Shinner, Caroline Byrom, Yanru Chen

Matters arising from previous meeting.

Playground equipment update.

LB updated the committee that previous quotation from ESPLAY now expired. No additional flooring would be required. School looking for a contribution of around £8,000 towards this project but are happy to wait until the Christmas Fayre and Art show have taken place and Friends can commit to funding in one go once funds are known following these events.

Bike Storage

VC advised that total area allowed was 6m x 4m.
Still to confirm location - either to replace old storage or new location next to school gates at Dorrells road entrance. This would require some sort of flooring/hardstanding to be put down - concrete/paving/astro turf.

ACTION

VC to continue to look into further and feedback to committee.

Outdoor coat hooks

AD advised in progress hooks had been purchased. Just needed wood.

Outdoor storage trolley

HM advised that unfortunately St Mary's preschool did not have anything.
Committee will review purchasing from tts in with playground equipment in the New Year unless something is found before then.

Treasurer Update

Current funds are £12,866.

Following known commitments remaining available funds are £7500.57

The school lottery is currently on target to raise £1000 over the year.

£180 received so far from Christmas Fayre external stalls.
Approx £2000 received so far from Artists displaying at the Artshow 2025.

Christmas Fayre Update

Plans are going Ok. We have approx 9 external stalls coming, games rooms, bottle and jam jar tombolas, plants, Father Christmas, cafe, raffle, 2nd hand stall, school choir, arts and crafts. Currently trying to source volunteers for each school year group to cover a particular stall. Looking for Yr1 representative to help get volunteers from Yr1. A good number of decorated sweet jars were donated. Provisions will need to be bought for the Cafe this year as items were donated by a parent last year.

Art Show Update

Art show launched about 2-3 weeks ago for artists to sign up to display. Currently at around 50% capacity. Capacity has been upped to 100 Artists. Advertising has started on social media. Starting to put the catalogue together - looking for businesses/companies/anyone who may want to advertise in the catalogue. Would really appreciate good communication from the school as to which staff members might be able to help/support. Will need volunteers from the school community also. Art show committee smaller this year. HP advised she would enquire as to whether members of the Princes Risborough WI might help in the Art show cafe.

Santa Run.

CB proposed Santa run for the children in the last week of term. Pay £1 to wear Christmas item or outfit while doing the daily mile in school. LB advised that the school choir would be fund raising on the last day of term with singing, mince pies and mulled wine for their Young voices trip to Birmingham next year. Coach costs massive £880. Also asked if Friends might be able to contribute to this. After discussion it was decided to not do the Santa run this year. Friends to discuss choir once the choir have done their fundraising event on the last day of term.

Event ideas for next year.

VC proposed that committee look into other events/activities/experiences for the children for next year. Invited ideas from subject leads from the school also ie science/history/music. Can look at repeat of some experiences such as circus or space dome. AD advised local artist does clay modelling workshops. LB suggested external artist to come in and create lasting piece of artwork in the school such as mosaic / mural with the help of all the children. ? where old climbing wall is? Other suggestions included steel band workshop/junkyard music workshop/ Basil's crew/circus again.

ACTION

LB to send details of mosaic artist to Friends.
Committee members to come forward with proposal of ideas and costings.

AOB

LB advised school always looking for extra funding for books for the school library.