

Friends of Mill Water School PTFA- Tuesday 8th November 2016

Annual General Meeting

PRESENT: Lyndsey Trimmer, Penny Bain, Maria Scholey, Heather Pearson, Clive Padgett, Peter Read, Bobbie Potter, Jo Smith, Jennie Ames & Sarah Clarke.

APOLOGIES: Sarah Steggles

- The Skydive raised £2147 with some money still outstanding
- Flower Show Tombola- A cheque for £200 was collected on 25/10/16 by Lyndsey & Bobbie & the ladies of Sidmouth Flower Club were thanked for their support.
- Enrichment Afternoons- Penny is liaising with Simon (class 10 teacher) into making suitable purchases.
- Visit from Exeter Exotics- Clive (acting head) said that the children really enjoyed the experience while Simon asked whether there was a possibility of a return visit. Lyndsey stated that Exeter Exotics may offer work experience to students.
- Classroom Allowance- Some classes are taking their class on outings/ to the pantomime while others are happily spending it on equipment. Some feedback is required.
- Bags for Life- It was agreed to order 100. Clive will action the missing drawings in the hope that no students get left out.
- T-shirts sponsored by Total Plumbing Supplies Ltd have been ordered- many thanks to Sarah Steggles for organising it all.
- Banners- Penny will look into what Vista Print can offer
- Halloween Non Uniform Day- Only raised £22
- Coffee Morning in Axminster- 27th October- £267.80 raised.
- Table Top Sale on 29/10/16 with the Budleigh Lions raised £35.50 with lots left over that can be sold at the Christmas Fayre.

WISH LIST

- Mini Bus
Lots of discussion as to what is the best course of action mostly concerning whether to buy or lease. Peter agreed to look into sponsorship by approaching the larger dealerships.
- Katherine Phillips has put in a request for interactive toys for the autistic children. These would be used by approximately 40 children & in total cost £225. It was agreed by all that the PTFA would purchase them but Penny would look into getting better deals/ donations.
- Hydro pool – A total of £20K is needed to finish off the pool. A post is being created within the school for someone to deal with this as well as the outside areas. They will liaise with the PTFA as to how best to achieve this. Maybe through Wooden Spoon?
- Shed for the Orchard
A 16x12 ft shed is requested by Tom Neusinger to store equipment for the Sensory Orchard. There would also be space for the children to work in if it is raining. Tom has had a quote for £3200. Peter said he would source other suppliers.

CHRISTMAS FAYRE- Friday 2nd December

- An Enterprise Challenge afternoon has been set aside for making items for the fayre on the 30th November. Each group will be given £30 to put towards initial set up costs.
- The PTFA will donate cakes for the refreshments & will also run a second hand toy & book stall, raffle, bottle tombola (Prize every time!) & of course the Bags for Life. Lyndsey will organise the raffle. Penny & Heather will organise the tombola.
- A letter to parents/ carers will be sent out to ask for donations of bottles/jars.

CHRISTMAS GIFT

It was agreed that each child would receive a gift to the value of £5. These would be purchased by the class teachers to ensure that every child gets a gift that is appropriate to the individual.

GRANTS

Maria will look into Tesco's Treehouse project for the orchard. Maria is also applying for the Co-op Communities grant.

SCHOOL PUPPY

Lucy passed her initial test onto the full training course. Sarah bought Lucy into the meeting- part of her training!

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

December 2nd - Christmas Fayre

April 29th - Table Top Sale in Budleigh Salterton Public Hall

June 24th - Summer Fair- Temple Methodist Church in Budleigh Salterton

OPEN GARDEN

John & Margaret Edmonds of Otterton have kindly offered to open their garden where they have a steam engine. They will serve also refreshments with all proceeds to Mill Water. Penny will arrange a date for summer 2017.

SOCIAL EVENT

Discuss at next meeting the idea of holding a social event for Mill Water pupils & their families. Disco?

Next meeting 17th January 2017