

Minutes of the Friends Meeting. Thursday 5th October 2015, The Tickled Trout

Present: Fiona Sussams (Vice Chair), Jo Brackley (Treasurer), Katy Parr (Secretary), Caroline Ross, Vicky Macara, Jackie Kingsely, Mr Pomfrett.

Apologies: John Rumbold

Fiona thanked everyone for coming to the meeting. Katy handed out AGM Minutes. John will continue as Chair and Fiona as Vice Chair for the next year until next AGM. Katy Parr is taking on the role as Secretary and will also continue managing the cake sales – thank you Katy!

Justine will carry on publicizing on the Friends Facebook page. Jo Brackley will take over this role in September. Katy will do posters and communicate with Jo.

Financial Report

Current Account	£10,173
Deposit Account	£3,710
Friends owe	£7,512
Left with	£6,371

Mr Pomfrett thanked Friends for the purchase of the new iPads. The pond is being re-done and has asked the Friends to donate £2,500 for the new pond liner.

Mrs Desai would like to organize an art mosaic that all classes would contribute to. It was agreed we would like to donate towards something arty or creative next time to benefit the children as we purchased the new iPads last time and these are being mainly used for academic achievement in the classrooms.

International Evening

This year's International Evening was a success – made approximately £350 profit (although this was not a profit making event). There was a great deal of food and space – it worked well having the food in two different rooms and did not feel so squashed! Possibly raise admission to £3 next year or a voluntary bucket. Some people came later after the show had started and did not pay the admission fee. Need more volunteers on the door next time.

Forthcoming Events:

Christmas Bazaar – 28th November, 3-5pm

Class Reps to ask parents to bake cake/cupcakes for the refreshment stand. Non-alcoholic mulled wine will be available, discussed the possibility of hot chocolate.

Santa, elves and a Christmas toy for Year One's stall still need to be found!

Children will donate chocolate or bottles (drinks) for non-uniform day on 27th November.

Sheets to go up in Reception area for setting up (Friday morning/afternoon, Saturday morning), manning stalls and clearing up. Class Reps to be in charge of their own stalls. Mrs Royal will run her choir again.

Maximum of three Christmas craft activities to be run by Year 4. Use Baker Ross or Yellow Moon for craft sets (budget approximately 25p per child).

The set up for the grotto worked well last year – do the same again this year.

Entrance to cost £1 per adult, children free.

Class Stalls:

Reception	Silver stall
Year 1	Christmas sweets in jar / Name Christmas toy
Year 2	Gingerbread decorating
Year 3	Bottle tombola
Year 4	Children's Christmas Craft
Year 5	Chocolate tombola
Year 6	Refreshments
Mr Pomfrett	Magic keys / Reindeer food / Find the snowman / Speed bounce

Christmas Disco – 11th December, 6-8pm

Mr Pomfrett will monitor areas/hotspots as a growing number of children are not coming for the disco, but to 'hang out' with friends in corridors! It was felt numbers are dwindling, so possibly find another disco (DJ) who is more interactive with the children. School Council will review disco and give feedback to Friends.

Pick-A-Present – 14th December

This will still be £1 per child. More sticky labels and wrapping paper are needed, although parents who come to help with the wrapping usually bring their own paper.

Santa's Sack – 17th December

Class Reps need to give book lists to John or Fiona by 30th November. Good places to look are Book People, Scholastic or Amazon. Budget up to £2 per child (although easy to find book for under £1 per child when buying box sets for younger children). Class Reps to wrap books in two different colours to signify gender.

Key Dates:

Fri 20th Nov	Deadline for Hamper items, hamper packing and date checking
20th – 27th Nov	Hamper display
Fri 27th Nov	Non-uniform day – bring bottles/chocolate for the tombola
	Silver stall wrap and ticket tombola items
Sat 28th Nov(am)	Decorate grotto – Christmas Bazaar
Mon 30th Nov	Deadline Santa's Sack orders to John/Fiona
Thurs 3rd Dec	Meeting at The Conningbrook, 8pm
Tues 8th Dec	Christmas meal at The Halfway House, 8pm
Fri 11th Dec	Books wrapped and to Friends' cupboard
	Christmas Disco
Mon 14th Dec	Friends' Pick-A-Present
Thurs 17th Dec	Santa's Sack

AOB

Tuesday monthly meetings

Fiona will hold a meeting in the Music Room on the first Tuesday after each monthly Thursday meeting to encourage parents who cannot make the evening meeting to come along and contribute. The last meeting had 10 mums! A text message should be sent to ALL parents regarding this; not just Class Reps.

Christmas Coffee Break

A note has gone out to all Reception and Year One parents inviting them to a coffee afternoon in the music room on Tuesday 10th November at 2.15pm. Possibly extend to Year Two next time?

Next Meetings

Thursday 3rd December 2015 – The Conningbrook, Kennington, 8pm

Tuesday 8th December 2015 – Christmas meal at The Halfway House, Challock, 8pm

Meetings will be alternated between The Tickled Trout in Wye and The Conningbrook in Kennington.