

Friends of Castlethorpe School Meeting

Tuesday 19th July 2016

Present:- Julie Baldwin, Carrie Langridge, Tracey Jones, Sarah Separovic, Catherine Morgan, Melissa King.

Apologies:- Sophie Wyeth, Jenny Chrystie, Suzie Sanchez-Garcia, Belinda Crompton, Joanne Graham, Katie McMullen, Jo Pezzella.

Agenda

Debrief on Fete

Sponsored Walk

Forthcoming visit to Holdenby House

Starters and Leavers Party

Quiz Night Proposal

Spooky Party

Summer Fete

Everyone agreed what a resounding success this year's fete was. We raised approx. £2300 but cannot confirm the total amount until the Matched Funding is finalised. This is an increase on the total for 2015 and would like to thank everyone who was involved in the success of the day.

There are several points up for reviewing and perhaps altered for the good for next years event.

General

We have agreed that for next year when we pull together the volunteer list we should include a person not assigned to any stall, this will enable them to cover for drink/toilet breaks.

We have acknowledged the need to consider some older childrens games, ie coconut shy, snap, splat the Monster or something similar and more physical.

We discussed the removal of the 'Lucky Number' on programmes sold, simply have the programmes themselves, as we didn't think this was necessary.

The absence of a bouncy castle was not a problem at all and it was agreed that it was better to have more stalls.

We can confirmed that the banner IS in the cupboard ready for next year!!!

Any stall not mentioned below was deemed a success and no need specific feedback given.

Hook A Duck

Could be improved by somehow weighting the ducks by fixing Blu Tack to the undersides to prevent capsizing all the time.

Nail In The Bale

It was agreed that an increase in charge should be implemented next year, and prizes should be something other than sweets.

Cake Stall/Café

More space is needed for the Cafe next year, especially when incorporating the cake stall within the café which worked very well. It was also suggested that we offer savoury snacks as well as sweet next year. Food bags allowed sale of surplus cakes at the end of the day which brought in additional income.

Toy Stall

This was not as popular as we had hoped and it was agreed that perhaps for 2017 we omit this stall.

Sweet Stall

With all the various sweets on offer throughout the fete as prizes, it was agreed that we reconsider this stall, perhaps even incorporating it within the cafe area, and offering different types of sweets?

Badge Making

Proved to be popular and as we were given the materials we made a good profit on this stall.

BBQ

Was extremely popular, and was busy all afternoon. The price increase didn't deter sales at all and helped boost the takings over and above last years. We need to consider having a third person to deal with just taking the money to help speed service, plus considering relocating the stall to nearer the seating area for those who want to take a seat whilst eating. Definitely need to create more room for this stall.

Find The Wine

We had one mishap when someone took a full bottle of water thinking it was wine!! We need to consider how to be extra clear on the water bottles that this is not a winning bottle. The stall ran out just after 2 pm of wine so need to address that issue for next year. It was agreed what a good idea it was to hold the mufty day to obtain donations of bottles of wine.

Colouring Competition

Was very simple to organise and popular with the children.

Decorate a Cake

It was agreed that perhaps we alternate this stall with something similar for next year.

Teddy Tombola

A successful stall, a note of thanks to go to the lady who kindly donated the bears to us.

Ping Pong Game and Ball In A Bucket

We discussed making a permanent Ping Pong game, perhaps approaching Andrew O'Hanlon to help with this?

Sponsored Walk 23rd September

FOCS will provide drinks (including cups) and sweets for this event. The sponsor forms will be distributed a week before the walk itself, Carrie will check to see if we hold any template for these forms on file.

Catherine suggested that it would be a good idea to have templates for all such forms that we use on a regular basis. Noted to discuss this matter along with the website at the next FOCS meeting.

Visit to Holdenby House 13th September 2016 (yr 1 and 2)

At the time of the meeting, Marion Christie was obtaining quotes for the coach, FOCS are happy to pay for transport.

Starters and Leavers Party July 2017

It has been suggested this event was renamed in order to clarify ALL pupils are welcome! Perhaps name it A Summer Party?

Quiz Night

Catherine has spoken to Dina regarding cooking a curry to serve at the quiz night, Dina can provide food for £6 a head, ticket price tbc. Date to be Sat 12th November. We will invite people to bring their own drinks thus avoiding the need for a licence. Catherine is to approach Mick Lee who has held similar fund raising events and is excellent at putting such quiz evenings together.

The Spooky Party

Is booked for 15th October, and Catherine has now booked the disco for £125, cash on the day.

Date for next meeting is Monday 19th September, 7.30pm at School. Which will be our Annual General Meeting

Catherine to put details of the meeting and a notification of the date to all parents on FOCS facebook page and slips into reading folders after return to school early September 2016.