

Notes of Friends of Stanhope Barrington Meeting

Held on Monday 4th November 2019

Harry Potter Night

- Methodist Chapel School rooms booked for Friday 31st January 2020.
- Agreed to use a Harry Potter animal/creature for each round of the Beetle Drive
- To provide food, tea and coffee etc for sale in one of the rooms to be prepared in their kitchen – prices to be agreed.
- Simon Gillow (parent) to MC/host the event.
- Harry Potter themed stalls and activities available in one of the rooms to include: wand making, potion making, throw an eyeball into a jar, making bookmarks etc.
- Caroline Sawyer (parent) to lead a team to decorate the rooms in Harry Potter theme. Volunteers needed to help decorate on the afternoon (Claire, Angela, Cath & Rebecca volunteered but more help needed please).
- A photo station to be set up so children can choose to have their photos taken with either a Harry Potter car (to be made out of boxes etc) or with 'Hedwig' the owl (Deb to ask Sarah Roper if we can borrow her barn owl).
- We will need examples, rules and instructions making for the Beetle Drive.
- Deb to find out how many tickets we can sell, number of tables, chairs etc.
- Idea is to sell tickets, all activities will be free and then food and drinks can be bought.
- Angela and others to start collecting sticks for wand making stall. Bonnie (previous pupil) to be the Wand Master!
- Possibly do a Treasure Hunt around the hall using photos of school staff dressed up as Harry Potter characters.
- Angela has big spider we can use for decoration. Deb to write out and ask parents to donate any 'halloween' decorations we could use.
- Set up Honeydukes Sweet Shop as one of the stalls. Claire has the jars and we can buy wholesale jars of sweets.

Bingo Night

- We agreed to postpone our November Bingo Night until the new year.

Coffee Mornings

- Our first half termly coffee morning is on Wednesday 6th November to be staffed by Saskia, Cath and Sarah (parents).
- We discussed having themed coffee mornings such as holding one and inviting the parents from the local Toddlers Group or Mothers' Union.
- We don't know how popular these events will be yet. Rebecca suggested asking the children to carry out a questionnaire.

- Everyone liked the theme ideas so long as others didn't feel excluded. We agreed to see how this first coffee morning goes.

Volunteer Readers

- We are looking for volunteers to read with Class 4 and Class 1 – Claire volunteered, Rebecca volunteered Simon and there were other suggestions who Deb will contact.

Reading Chairs

- The reading chairs we agreed to fund turned out to be too small. We are contacting the artist who carved them to see if he can make us some bespoke larger chairs.

Recipe Book

- Hannah reported that we have just under 30 contributions for our book.
- We can order 200 books for £250 or 300 books for £340. Hannah's husband Sean has kindly offered to donate £150 towards the production costs.
- We agreed to commission a print run of 300 books.
- Hannah gave Deb a list of the recipes and names of children to do illustrations. These need to be done this week.
- Hannah asked if Mr Myers could write a Foreword for the book.
- Cath suggested selling the books at the Christmas Fair in St. Thomas' Church Hall on Saturday 7th December. Deb to book a table and Cath volunteered to sell the books.
- Books will be ready week of 1st December. They will be offered to parents through the school office that week. Remaining books will be on sale at the Christmas fair and any others can be sold at Christmas performances.

Other Fundraising ideas

- Someone has suggested to Claire that we could hold a 'swishing' event which is like a swap shop. We agreed to hold this idea at the moment.

Improving communication

- We agreed to put the notes of these meetings on our website and the Friends Facebook page so that people who cannot attend the meeting can find out what has been discussed and agreed.

DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING:

Monday 16th December 2019 at 3.30pm in Mrs Cross' classroom.