

**MINUTES FROM FRIENDS OF CHITTLEHAMPTON SCHOOL MEETING HELD ON
MONDAY 23RD JANUARY, 2017
Venue: Chittlehampton School, 3.30pm**

Present: Amanda Rowe, Sharon Jones, , Leonie Millichope, Amy Latham, Danny White, Jackie Lethaby, Vicky Williams.

Apologies: Rebecca Brewer, Laury Hancock, Annette Mills.

Financial report: Sharon reported that the current bank balance stands at £3,005.74. A further £1,076.23 is also in the process of being transferred into the FOCS account (this clears the final funds from the Chittle Cherubs account).

The Christmas fund-raising activities generated the following amounts:

1. Hamper raffle: £336
2. Christmas cards: £82.33
3. Pub Quiz: £309

This is fantastic effort, and a big thank you is extended to all who contributed.

Recent costs incurred included £60.32 on craft goods for the two Christmas craft clubs and £80 on mulled wine and mince pies for refreshments following the Christmas play. Sharon noted that costs amounting to £548.91 would also shortly be leaving the FOCS account to pay for the recent purchase of play equipment, storage carts and our contribution to the Entertainingly Different Christmas pantomime.

Matters arising

Easter activity booklets: FOCS agreed to fund two Easter activity booklets per pupil. Sharon will order these.

Funding requests from school: Mrs Evans updated FOCS on a number of new initiatives which the school would like FOCS to consider funding. These include:

1. ICT: the school has received ring-fenced funding for hardware from the diocese and will be buying new tablets and other equipment. Mrs Evans highlighted the need for funding for software products to use on the hardware and asked for FOCS support. FOCS agreed to this in principle. Mrs Evans will feed back on final details and approximate costs of their requirements once these have been agreed. This will include a pre-paid Google Play giftcard for purchasing apps as required for in-class devices.
2. Mobile white-boards: FOCS agreed to fund two mobile whiteboards for classroom use (approximate cost of £100 each).
3. Outside gazebo: FOCS to check with Mrs Evans as to the status of this idea to purchase a gazebo to create a flexible, additional learning and playing space for Chittlehampton pupils and any future pre-school attendees. As it is potentially a large expense, FOCS discussed the idea of using Asda/Sainsburys/Tesco's local charity support schemes as a way to kick-start funding for this (or any other) larger-scale project.

4. Pre-school funding: Mrs Evans reported that the school is aiming to open a pre-school in September 2017. We agreed to ring-fence the £1,000 transferred from the former Chittle Cherubs account to contribute towards this initiative when required.

FOCS coffee morning: all are welcome to this social get-together in which the children will participate (possibly with readings or songs, depending on the appropriate work they have currently in progress). FOCS suggested a Thursday morning at 9am would work well for parents and asks if Mrs Evans could please suggest a forthcoming date that is workable.

Fundraising

Various fundraising ideas were discussed as follows:

1. Easter egg raffle: FOCS agreed to run a 'buy a square on the Easter egg' raffle. Leonie will organise this after half-term.
2. Easter holiday puzzle or activity: Amanda agreed to come up with some ideas for this.
3. Social events: various ideas for social events were discussed for both children and parents, but nothing firm was agreed. Any further ideas welcome!

Any other business

Next meeting: the next FOCS meeting will be the AGM at The Bell, 15th April, 7.30pm. Leonie will book a quiet area and some snacks.