

**Friends of Pondhu School**  
**Minutes of meeting held on 12<sup>th</sup> January 2016 at 1.30pm**

Those present:

Aleah, Mel, Gill, Julie, Mrs Parekh, Debbie, Liz, Kylie, Tracey, Stacey,

Apologies:

Sam, Robert, Helen

**1) Christmas Fayre**

A big thanks to Aleah for all the different suggestions she made to this event and all the raffle prizes she sourced. These things helped to make this year's profit a record total for the Fayre. Thanks to all who helped set up for the event and to those who helped with the pre preparations we did the day before. This helped make it much easier on the day and we should try to do this for future events.

Selling raffle tickets in advance was very successful so it was decided to use this system at subsequent Summer and Christmas Fayres.

Lots of good quality donations were received for the fayre, which helped towards the final total. FOPS are grateful to all who donated both goods and time to the fayre.

After the event the FOPS cupboard was cleared and cleaned. Everything not sold at the fayre was sorted. All items that were not suitable for future events were donated to Tanya's Courage in order to keep the cupboard clear for other items. It was felt that this was the best use of space and the committee agreed that it was appropriate for these donations to be passed on to another charity that could make use of them.

This years Christmas crackers and candy canes have already been purchased and are stored at the school and we also have enough Costa cups left over for the Christmas Fayre next year.

**2) Bank Balance**

£4216.88 at present, 3 cheques to still come out of this total.

**3) Valentines Disco**

11th February, same set up as Halloween with 3 discos:

Nursery/reception - 3:15pm-4:00pm

Yr1 and 2 - 4:15pm - 5:15pm

KS2 - 5:30pm - 6:45pm

Children to possibly make some Valentines decorations for this event and people to keep a look out for any decorations in the shops.

Aleah to do a refreshment run if needed and ask Mrs Retallick to do the disco

#### **4) Discothon**

Helen is happy to take charge of this and arrange it, hopefully turn it into a family fun day we could hold outside when it's a nice day and get the BBQ out, possibly on a Saturday.

#### **5) Mother's day gifts**

Someone to check if Karen has any copies of the slips we used for this.

Mel to see what she can come up with for gifts.

Every one to look for reasonably priced gifts and report back

We are aiming to be able to do a similar thing for Father's Day this year.

#### **6) Requests from school**

Mrs Tregellas would like us to purchase some more mugs that we use for various parent related events. Everyone agreed to purchase another 30 mugs. Tracey or Debbie to go on a hunt for them and report back.

Aleah had a discussion with Mr Cooper about adding to the play equipment in the KS2 playground. Mr Cooper discussed his ideas with Aleah and requested some funds from FOPS to do this. It was agreed that FOPS would contribute £2000 towards KS2 playground improvements.

A discussion followed about previous decisions being based on spending a similar amount for each key stage. It was decided that as the majority of children would benefit from KS2 equipment in the course of their school life, there was no need to consider spending a similar amount on KS1.

#### **7) Any other business**

Gill to send out letters for raffle prizes for the Summer Fayre as soon as possible. Tracey agreed to assist.

Aleah to arrange with Mrs Dingle to send a thank you letter to those who gave us prizes for Christmas Fayre.

Date for next meeting to be arranged; Aleah will notify everyone.

Thank you to everyone who came to this meeting and all the ideas that were put forward.