



WSA Meeting

Wednesday 21st April 2021, 8.00 p.m.

Meeting minutes

1. Attendees and Apologies

Attendees – Marie Clements, Amy Shaw, Susan Passmore, Lorna Hopcroft, Tamar Oviatt-Ham, Karen Monks, Tom Mason, Becky Binney, Catherine Wainwright, Katy Gilbert,

Apologies – David Morel, Justine Green, Emma Byrom, Tom Bowran, Katie Greenhalgh.

2. Minutes of the last meeting and any matters arising (circulate)

No comments on previous minutes received.

3. Feedback on previous events:

- a. Virtual Bingo - £216 raised was raised, there are no additional expenses.
- b. Sunflower seeds – These have been well received. Marie has raised awareness of it today on Facebook.
- c. Half-term Alphabet Trail – Unfortunately, this did not prove to be that popular we only had about 4 or 5 entries. There was a small donation raised.

4. Ideas for future events:

a. Fen Gallop/Summer Fete –

- The Fen Gallop going ahead, but we have decided not to do the summer fete alongside. There will be a beer tent and the Scouts are going to do a BBQ and the Girl Guides will do teas and Coffees. We have also booked an ice-cream van.
- At the moment there are 254 entries, however we are hoping to sell all 500 entries prior to the event. We are keeping to 50% capacity on the course.
- We will need marshals on the course.
- There will a new trophy for the 4-mile race, as a result of the donation received by the WSA last year. This will be for the fastest WPS girl and boy.
- We will be looking for marshals to help with the race.
- ACTION – all to contact Marie if they are interested in helping to Marshal.

b. Raffle –

- The WSA agreed to run a summer hamper (similar to the Christmas hamper). We will sell tickets on sports day and perhaps face to face at school.
- We will initially ask for donations from the village, before considering at the next meeting whether to ask for parents donations too.
- We will plan to draw it on the 9th July.
- ACTIONS: The following WSA members will ask for donations:
 - Becky – Bushel Box
 - Karen – Bakery, One Stop, Waitrose
 - Catherine – Book Warren.
 - Katy – Offering an Alpaca voucher
 - Katy – Auction rooms and Lot 25, Porterhouse.
 - Amy – Fish and Chips

- Tom B – ask if he would be able to support via the brewery.
 - ACTION – All to discuss whether to ask for donations for class hampers at the next meeting.
- Sports Day
 - This will be held on the 25th June - Amy, Tamar and Katy should be available to help with refreshments on the day.
 - ACTION – Katy to ask the co-op for water, ice-pops and fruit.
- c. Leaver's ideas
 - Marie will order class leavers books – the WSA supported the purchase of this.
 - Marie is in discussion with the company to confirm the purchase of the hoodies.
 - The parents will organize the leavers party.
- d. Christmas cards!
 - Marie has booked the same company as last year for Christmas cards. Mrs Varty has been given the dates to work towards.
- e. Mad Hatters Tea party
 - We have 18 booked. There has been a limited amount of money made. It has been difficult with things opening up.
 - There will be delivery on the 1st May, WSA members will help Catherine to deliver.
- f. Any other ideas?
 - ACTION: Marie to contact honeypots to see about supporting their leavers party.
 - Pet competition in the Autumn term?
 - Hold a class (and adult) bakeoff where age groups are assigned a recipe (bake off technical challenges) We would charge people to enter who would then send photographs in. The WSA agreed to wait until Autumn and check whether the horticultural show is going ahead.
 - We have a parent in reception who is a cycling mechanic and is happy to run bike checks and bike services to support the safer cycling campaign. Becky will put him in touch with Tom M so the WSA can raise awareness and we will get a % of the profits made.
 - ACTION: Catherine to talk to Michelle Lenk about books from the book warren.

5. Funding requests:

- Reception trip to wicken fen (£5 per head) – The WSA approved this.
- Yr 1&2 trip to Hunstanton (£5 per head) – The WSA approved this.
- Yr 3&5 to St Albans (£5 per head) – The WSA approved this.

6. Any other business:

- a. Second-hand uniform
 - There is not much stock at the moment, therefore not being advertised.
 - ACTION: Becky to see what logo'd stuff the school has and to let Susan know.
- b. Swimming pool
 - The WSA would like to run swimming pool sessions this term.
 - However, if we want to do mixed year groups – there can only be 9 children in the pool, we are likely to need to charge the helpers.
 - Individual year groups are difficult.
 - The main issue is resus training and having enough volunteers.
 - There also needs to be more regular testing of the pool and more checks and more chemicals.
 - The school will be using the pool during school so all children will have an opportunity to swim.

- ACTION: Marie to work with Becky to send out a school email to see if there is any parent interest in becoming volunteers.
- ACTION: Becky to confirm whether there will be an issue in terms of toilets or after school club use.
- The WSA agreed that we would charge £3 per child with a 50% discount for volunteers.
- We would use a sign-up sheet outside with 9 spaces to confirm who is swimming when.
- ACTION: Becky to confirm the date for resus training and whether the school can be used for the training.

7. Date of next meeting?

- Thursday 20th 8pm – location TBC.