



WSA Meeting

Thursday 12th November 2020, 6:30 p.m.

Zoom:

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Attendees:

Dave Morel, Amy Shaw, Marie Clements, Becky Binney, Tamar Oviatt-Hamm, Katy Gilbert, Karen Monks, Anna Woodward, Catharine Wainright, Tom Mason, Susan Passmore, Lorna Hopcroft, Katie Greenhalgh, Emma Byrom,

AGENDA

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

No issues raised.

2. Requests for funding

The additional funding requests approved by the WSA included:

- £650 of additional funding for the ITC equipment (wifi booster was already agreed) – approved by all
- £40 for the Steel pan drums – approved by all

It was agreed it would be good to raise awareness of named trophy on Facebook
Marie will check with solicitors that we can publicise it on Facebook

3. Update on opening of the running track and IT touch screens for classrooms

The opening went really well, Holly garnered enthusiasm and inspired the children.

Holly shared a presentation aligned to the school's values. She has been in contact since and we hope to carry on working on with her.

Cecilia Pipe had pulled together an article for the Willingham news. Hope to write a school update article.

There remain some concerns over the running track, some of the corners are tight and the surface is a slightly bumpy. The contractors have been back and looked at it, they are going to come back and fix or review it.

The children have been using it daily and it is encouraging them to exercise more.

Next time we will try and communicate better and raise awareness about what things will look like earlier.

The new Wi-Fi has been received, but not installed yet.

Dave has received positive feedback that the touch screens have transformed teaching for staff.

4. Update on co-op funding

It has been confirmed that we will receive the funding from the co-op this year. We hope to use that for the playground markings.

However, this work won't be completed until next year, as we are not allowed to spend the funding before the round has closed.

To raise awareness, we could run a Facebook poll to get parents to vote on their favourite design.

5. Events discussions:

a. Christmas Raffle

- We have decided on a text raffle with BACS payments
- Prizes – We already have a Waitrose hamper and a prize of a meal from the curry house
- We need to agree the theme of the hampers. We need one for each class.
- ACTION - Dave to ask the teachers to come up with ideas for hampers.
- Tom Bowran will provide a Beer and Cider Hamper and Ginger Bread houses
- There will be 11 class hampers, a beer and cider hamper, a Waitrose hamper, a gingerbread houses hamper and possibly some more local hampers – 15 in total
- ACTION - Becky to ask Bushell Box if they might donate a hamper and boxes for the hampers.
- We will draw the hampers on the 14th December at 1pm.
- Request donations by Friday 4th December
- Put the boxes in the classroom – ask the children to put the donations in the boxes.
- A WSA member will collect the boxes from Becky Binney and deliver it to school.
- Text tickets – £1 per text, if they want to buy more than £ they can purchase through BACS.

b. Secret Shop

- The secret shop is proving popular. So far, we have nearly 90 presents ordered - 30 female, 26 male, 20 kids and 13 pets
- Karen will begin dropping off presents for people to wrap. She will ask for help on WhatsApp later.
- Becky will print out some labels for tags.

c. Virtual Elf Visit

- The visit is all booked – the books are being sent today.
- The code will be sent for the video to Marie who will forward to the teachers.

d. Wreathmaking

- This is going ahead - we have 33 sold and 17 left.
- We are able to sell 50.
- Emma will develop a plan to pull the packs together.
- Dave confirmed we can add the video of how to create the wreaths on the school you tube channel.
- We have a risk assessment for the council completed.

e. Christmas boxes or virtual Christmas fayre

- The WSA agreed that we have a number of events, so we don't need to consider a virtual Christmas fayre.
- We normally buy crackers for the Christmas lunch; we will be able to do this again this year. However, the Christmas lunch will be done over two days.

- We could ask the kitchen to provide a Christmas cookie.

f. Pantomime and theatre visit?

- Dave is in discussion with M&M productions, he is also looking at orchestra's. He is hoping to do something in place of the pantomime.
- We can do a virtual pantomime for the older children. It could be shown on the last day of term as it only lasts an hour.
- ACTION - Marie to send information on the pantomime to Dave

g. Virtual Ginuary (February?)

- Lorna will ask work for test tube donations.
- Marie will talk to Sue Berry about how it was run previously.
- We will discuss this more at the next meeting.
- Potential date for Ginuary was agreed as 29th January 2021.

6. Any other business:

a. JustGiving Page

This is all set up, but no campaign has been set up yet.

b. Second-hand uniform

Susan is selling via facebook, she has got a lot of stock so will continue to sell this.

c. Christmas card update

There was a larger uptake this year – we raised approximately £500.

d. Amazon wishlist

This is set up – however there has been a lot of news, so not a lot has been put out. There is a shopping list for Willingham primary schools so people could top up a purchase.

ACTION - Marie to raise awareness alongside Amazon smile.

e. EYFS Nativity theatre packs

The EYFS nativity will be recorded and zoomed to the rest of the school.

There will also be an evening “showing” to parents and DVD packs.

Dave asked if the WSA could we provide “theatre packs” ? i.e. popcorn, hot chocolate, sweets, mince pie, mulled wine sachet.

There are 53 children in EYFS.

The nativity is being filmed on the 3rd, it is likely to be shown on the 16th.

ACTION - Marie will send info to Dave about how the theatre pack is going to work

7. Date of next meeting

We will hold an end of term check in – not a full meeting on Thursday 17th at 8pm.