

FRIENDS MEETING

Meeting minutes

Thursday 18th January 2024, 7.00pm

In Attendance

Sarah, Karen, Rachel, Clare, Maria and Paula

Apologies

Miles, Gill, Stella, Charanjit and Liz

Easter Bingo – Friday 8th March

- A. Tickets – on sale via SumUp store and school office. Cash or card.
- B. Advertising – Banners to have dates updated and will be put up in the usual locations (Rachel). Posters to be printed and distributed in town. Karen has also said that students can deliver leaflets locally too which has worked well in the past.
- C. Raffle – Prizes have already started to be sourced. Clare has secured a blow dry from Mavericks and is awaiting a response from the Piston Club.
- D. Bingo prizes – Same format as last year's bingo as these were very popular. We still have a budget to buy some of the larger eggs like last year. This budget comes from the last non uniform day we ran.
 - 1 line – medium egg and bag of mini eggs
 - 2 lines – small mixture of eggs
 - Full house – Easter egg hamper
- E. Hamper packing Monday 4th March – 3 volunteers needed after school 4.30-5.30pm
- F. Non-uniform date to be confirmed shortly. We will be reviewing the forward planner to agree a date. Posters will go out to advertise this once it has been agreed. We will ask for Easter egg donations from some year groups and we will ask for either a monetary donation to go to Young Minds Matter who support us in school or a food donation to the Arden Food Bank. This will be discussed further next week in school and those present agreed that this would be confirmed wc 22nd January.

Medieval Street Market – Sunday 9th June

Bottle tombola – same format as last year. We are able to take bottles now, these can be dropped into reception.

We will require 3 tables, gazebo and tombola drum. Timings for the day to be confirmed nearer the time as we won't receive these until a couple of weeks before. Last year it was set up from 10am and we were packed up and finished before 4pm. When we get the form, we will try and request the same location as I think this was a great location as the flow of people was steady and we weren't close to where it can bottle neck sometimes.

Costumes – medieval theme. We will decide near the time.

Summer Event Plans

Start think about a possible summer event to be discussed at the next meeting. Possible summer quiz.

- Rock Academy fundraising – Rock Academy is having to relocate as their music hut has been condemned. We will assist them in fundraising to enable them to move to a new space with the school grounds. To enable this to happen the new space will need to have a considerable amount of work completed to make it suitable. It will need insulation and soundproofing to name just a couple of things. We as a group will set up a crowdfunding page that can be shared with the community and local business. Other ideas discussed were having donation buckets at events, selling their merchandise at the street market and adding a donation option to the Gateway.
- Santa Run – Sarah thanked Rachel, Clare, Paula and Karen for taking part in this years Santa route. We are awaiting confirmation of the presentation evening and hope to update before the next meeting about the donation.

Next Meeting

Our next meeting will be on Thursday 22nd February 2024 at 7.00pm, online via Teams. A link will be sent out prior to the meeting.