

FRIENDS MEETING

Meeting minutes

Thursday 23th November 2023, 7.00pm

In Attendance

Sarah, Miles, Rachel, Clare and Paula

Apologies

Karen, Charanjit, Maria, Gill, Stella, Liz

Review of the Winter Bingo

Fantastic evening with great feedback. We made £1770.68 which was £532 more than the Easter bingo.

Tuck shop: £126.74

Bar: £ 208.55

Raffle: £255.43

Tickets: £1179.96

Thank you for everyone's support in making this such a success. We discussed the tuck shop cake option and will trial just having cornflake style cakes which have proved the most popular over the two bingo nights. There were lots of other cakes left over. We can review this.

Next Event Ideas

We discussed whether to hold a bingo or a quiz for our next event. We decided to host another bingo at Easter as we can replicate the prizes we did at the Easter bingo in 2023. We have provisionally looked at hosting this on Friday 8th March 2024. We would provisionally book in a non-uniform day to gather prizes for the hampers and also support the Arden Foodbank again. Provisional date for hamper packing would be Monday 4th or Tuesday 5th March. Clare will start to look at raffle prizes after Christmas.

Santa Route 2023

The Santa Route has been confirmed and our date is Sunday 10th December. It will be the Winchcombe Road, Throckmorton Estate so up around the school. Rachel will send out an invitation to the people who have registered and interest in volunteering. It will be nice to meet in person on an informal event to get to know each other.

Easyfundraising

This quarter we raised £41.95. This payout was from £9.95 retail donations, £22 goodwill from the special sign-up offer Easyfundraising gave us and £10 in competition prizes. Rachel will pop a message out to staff and a separate email out to the school community to generate extra donations with Black Friday and Christmas coming up. The competition prizes we believe are related the completion of the stamp cards on the Easyfundraising app.

200 Club

This is our first full draw where all 200 club number have been sold. Our next draw is on Monday 27th November and the prize pot sits at £140. The prizes will be:

1st Prize - £70

2nd Prize - £42

3rd Prize – £28

The draw will still be recorded but will be moving to a new platform which will enable us to involve students or any member of staff in drawing the numbers. We will post the recording to our social media as normal and include the first name and year group of the person who has drawn the numbers. This adds another level of transparency.

AOB

- Sarah wished to formally thank everyone for their efforts to support the bingo night.
- Rachel raised the student raffle that we will be holding in the run up to Christmas. The draw will take place on the same day as the Christmas SLT student bingo. There will be 2 draws, one for KS3 and one for KS4. Tickets will go on sale after the exams and will be £1 per ticket. Rachel will create some social media posts to share and also posters for around school.
- Sarah has been given some information about a platform to sell used school uniform. We will have a look into this further.
- Sarah raised that we would start to look into purchasing the Chromebooks once the school IT has been signed off, following the recent updates over the summer. This money is safely stored in the account.

Next Meeting

As discussed at the start of the year there will be no meeting in December. Our next meeting will be on 18th January 2023 at 7.00pm, Online via Teams. A link will be sent out prior to the meeting.