

Minutes
Friends of Longstone School
Meeting 13th May 2019

AGENDA ITEM	ACTION POINTS
Present – Emily Swindell, Allen Morris, Jenna Jackson, Lizzie Sansam, Gemma Harvey, Julie Cox, Elizabeth Fisher, Jenny Lynn, Jane Stirland, Nikki Ramsden	
Apologies – Jo Brocklehurst, Jenny Reeves, Laura Hayes, Millie Holdsworth, A Kirkland, Jane Hamlett, Jo Elliott, Kerry Darlow, Emma Cox, N Cardwell, Rachel Shimwell, L Cumberland, Claire Goddard.	
Finances: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - £8901.34 in the bank. - £20 owed to Emily for gambling licence. - Review Disco - £549.13 took. £365.80 made. About the same as last year. - Review Quiz - £637 made. Down a bit from last year due to weather. The Crispin are happy to do something similar to Oak for the quiz. Maybe September time? Emily is going back to them nearer the time. - Uniform sale - £8 - Tuck - £15.50. End of date drinks etc, to sell at Sports Day. 	
New Starters: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Monday 17th June, 6pm, info evening. Send messages to new starters re used uniform sale at the meeting, and all parents about old uniform to be donated, especially KS1. 	Gemma to message parents about uniform sale.
Sponsored Half term activities: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Ideas suggested to re-name the event as it is no longer just a sponsored bike ride. Suggestions were Active8, or Go the Distance. Posters and letters are to go out this Friday. Raised funds will go towards paying for Bikeability (£80), plus purchasing some more wheeled vehicles / toys for the playground. Letter to parents to ask for donations also. 	Lizzie to adapt poster / letter etc and send to Sally for printing.
Summer Sizzle: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 5-8pm, 12th July. Blessing of the wells at 5pm. - Jane Stirland trying to involve village groups. - Church – Tea, coffee, cakes – concerned if they had enough. Can FOLS help? - Park Pantry – Selling cakes to take away. Guess the weight to raffle off for charity. - WI – Book stall – need donations. - Horticultural society – Plant sale - Village shop – will donate something. - Tom / Dan Cox – are keen, in need of ideas? - Tug of war teams suggested. - Dan McGoverne – Cricket club. - Steve Mason – support. - Bruno – Keen to help. - Approach Thornbridge, + many more. - Bouncy castle is booked, £70. - Agreed to perhaps leave the ice cream van out of this event, and keep for Sports Day and Family picnic days only. - Photobooth – booked for summer sizzle. £100? Need to push this year that it's 	JS to continue to contact groups and individuals as well as the meeting on Wednesday at the Crispin. ES to design a poster to advertise the event once we know who is involved and what is on offer.

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<p>free, as some children stayed away for not knowing last year. 6-8pm.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Name of event? JS brought up the issue of not naming it FOLS, due to the idea of merging with the village fete. GH suggested calling it the Village Summer Sizzle going forward. - Need to make sure we have enough helpers, as it is 3 hours long now. It needs to be on rotation. Suggesting Mr Williams starts the bouncy castle, and reads out rules! - Pizzas? Requires kitchen training – if this isn't possible, then do we have an alternative, like jacket potatoes? JJ suggested not doing pizzas for the entire 3 hours. Could be offered for a time slot only? - Numbers / stock – if we're opening up to the village, and numbers should be higher, we should increase stock. - BBQ's – do we need two or three? - Toy stall. JS questioning whether we need one? Suggested parents bring in unused toys from home, to create a Toy Tombola stall, where children swap their toys. Could top up with cheap toys from Home Bargains. - Purchasing meat – should we continue using Holdsworths, or contact Critchlows to compare cost? - Need volunteers to cook on the BBQ. 	<p>ES to approach parents for support and send out letter requesting loans of BBQs and toys for toy swap stall.</p> <p>ES/JS to look into pricing of food and drink to compare to last year.</p>
<p>Requests for purchases:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Kitchen area : Dining room is currently also Mr Williams' classroom, but will be purely a dining hall next year as a result of class changes. GH suggesting adding a permanent kitchen / cooker area to the dining hall, to provide students with the opportunity to practise cooking / baking at school. GH hoping it would stand out to new prospective parents. Already a sink in the area. Mr Unwin would install, ideally in the summer holidays. Niki has an old kitchen in her barn currently – could be a possibility? GH suggesting the only new element might be the worktop. FOLS agreed to the kitchen area, suggesting a budget of £400-500. - Plastic plates for school lunches – cost of this was £328.95. - Staging : NR suggesting the company that The Medway Centre just bought from. GH to look further into this. www.portablestaging.co.uk - Year 6 Leavers Book : Emily explained about the book which FOLS purchase for the Yr 6 leavers. Embossed with a message on the front, which they go around to get messages / signatures from friends and teachers etc. Everyone supported the cost of this, at £71.80 inc VAT. - Bird box : GH explained about a bird box that can be purchased, and it has a camera installed inside, which can be watched by the children live from home. Not cheap, can be a few hundred pounds. ES pointed out there are cheaper ones you can buy from Aldi. JC has one, and raised the fact that not all chicks live, and the children may see dead chicks – though everyone agreed that this is part of life and can be managed. Registration costs £199 for whole school access. £150 for subsequent years. Including the costs of purchasing the bird box / camera, and the licence, the first year would cost £325. Just a thought to 	<p>Niki Ramsden to photograph her stored kitchen cabinets.</p> <p>GH to look into staging further</p>

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<p>return to in the future.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - GH been contacted by an artist (Ian Brierly), who offers a cartoon / character art sessions to children £175 for the whole day. Would be required for a day and a half, if it was for now, to offer it to all the children, and would cost £270. If it was September, it would only be offered to Year 2 upwards. www.doodlebug.net. FOLS agreed for this to take place. 	<p>FOLS agreed to booking Ian Brierly.</p>
<p>Social Media</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - JL asked for all letters / newsletters etc to be sent to her so she can post them on Facebook. - ES asked for all FOLS members to send a photo to JL, to add to the Facebook page, so parents know who we are. - Advertising the Village Summer Sizzle – it should go out via the FOLS website, but how to get it out to the rest of the community. Longstone Village Hall – this is the platform to use to advertise to the village. 	<p>ES, JJ, AM, and LS to send photos to JL.</p>
<p>Lottery</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Sophie Bell runs a lottery at her son’s primary school. Parents enter, and pay £1 a week via Direct Debit. Every week there is a prize for the school. The school has a gambling licence anyway, for other events. Money raised for the school would be helpful to go towards basic costs of buying books, glue sticks, pencils etc. Done via a school lottery company. ES suggesting it could be something done in September, with new starters. Agreed it is worth trying, and could be reviewed after a year. 	<p>GH to discuss this further with Sophie Bell</p>
<p>Ice Cream Van</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - ES to look into the ice cream van for Sports Day, on June 20th and also the family picnic on July 19th. 	<p>ES to book ice cream van.</p>
<p>AOB</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - JS raised idea for another fundraising sale – setting up a drinks / cake stall at Longstone station (permission from Thornbridge?) 	<p>JS to talk to Thornbridge Outdoors, to see what they think.</p>
<p>Next Meeting</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Wednesday 15th May, at the Crispin, 7-8pm. Meeting for school / local community to discuss stalls / info for the Village Summer Sizzle. - Friday 24th, 2pm, at school, to recruit parents for help at the Summer Sizzle. - Next FOLS meeting, Monday 1st July, 7pm at the Crispin. 	
<p>Emily Swindell closed the meeting.</p>	