



## Friends of Almond Hill 'FOAH' Meeting – Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2025 at 6.00pm

**Present** - Clare Matthews, Rachael Harrington, Emma Fordham, Diane Cawthorn, Sally Davis, Carly Payne, Rebecca Copeman, Hannah Bayley and Bilqees Tihamiyu

**Apologies** - Caroline Hornby

**Committee Vacancy** – Carly Payne has been appointed as our new treasurer and is in the process of being onboarded ahead of a handover period. This will be formalized at the next AGM.

### Spring Term

#### **World Book Day** (6<sup>th</sup> March 2025)

A record amount of prizes have been sourced for this year. It was decided to move after school sales and the prize collection point to the back playground which has better access (for health and safety reasons) yet is still visible. FOAH went over the process for the winners collecting prizes and confirmed those in after school club have been considered and would not be at a disadvantage should they win one of the big ticket prizes. If anyone can help on Thursday it would be appreciated as this event is running across both Almond Hill and Letchmore on the same day.

**Actions**

- Admin to add to the school calendar
- Admin to create a float and train FOAH on how to accept card payments
- Admin to send details and final reminder on Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> March
- FOAH & Admin to ensure signage is put up to direct people.

#### **Mother's Day Present Room** (26<sup>th</sup> March 2025)

Shopping is being paused as we have enough gifts to date, this will be reviewed once we have sight of online sales. Average gift spend is well within budget. It was decided to move the present room into the hall this year as this is a bigger space and will be a better experience for our shoppers. Sally requested details of spend for 2024 for comparison.

**Actions**

- Rock Steady to move as the hall will be occupied.
- Sally will send round the rota for volunteers shortly
- Clare to send 2024 details to Sally.

### Summer Term

#### **Movie Nights** (20<sup>th</sup> May & 3<sup>rd</sup> June)

Provisional dates were discussed to hold these outside of the SATS period. Mrs Fordham will check staff availability to support these on 20<sup>th</sup> May for the lower school and 3<sup>rd</sup> June for the upper school. Lessons learnt from previous events will be taken into account. Clare Matthews will coordinate.

**Actions**

- Mrs Fordham to check staff are willing to support and confirm
- Clare to confirm if we have enough FOAH volunteers to support.

#### **Father's Day Present Room** (11<sup>th</sup> June)

The date of 11<sup>th</sup> June was confirmed. Purchasing has started and Sally is happy to continue to source gifts. Clare is happy to coordinate volunteers for the day.

#### **Ice Cream Fridays** (4, 11, 18 July)

Volunteers are required to run this and take over from Pam in order for this to go ahead this year, Becca has offered to support.

## Autumn Term

### Christmas Fair (TBD)

**Actions** Rachael to check in with Vicky to see if this is still an option and what progress is being made

## Other Discussions

### School Lottery (On hold at present)

**Action** Rachael to consider the merits of the current lottery v the Parentkind one.

### Colour Run

Clare reported that initial research highlighted a number of risks and a large amount of work to organize. It was suggested this could be a joint event with Letchmore to make the time and effort more manageable across both PTAs. At present this is on hold given the number of other activities planned.

### Penny Wars

Rachael is looking at penny wars, and other low touch fundraising activities. It was decided raisin boxes is probably not appropriate for a junior school.

### Sponsored Events

Almond Hill will not be holding any sponsored activities this year so this form of fundraising is available to FOAH.

### School's Wish List for Funds

It was confirmed that FOAH will cover the hoodies and year books for the Year 6 leavers as in previous years. The remaining fund raising efforts will be focused on a replacement projector in the school hall.

### Next Meeting Monday 28<sup>th</sup> April at 6.00pm

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