



## **Friends of Almond Hill 'FOAH' Meeting – Monday 25<sup>th</sup> November 2024 at 6.00pm**

**Present** - Clare Matthews, Emma Fordham, Diane Cawthorn, Rachael Harrington, Sally Davis, Rebecca Copeman, Hannah Bailey, Caroline Hornby, Precious Rahmani, Heidi Grant, Bilqees Tiamiyu

**Committee Vacancy** - Annette Patterson (the current treasurer) would like to step down from January so a replacement is needed. This will need to be advertised to parents and colleagues, it does not need to be a parent specifically. FOAH appreciated the time AP has given to this role over the years.

**AGM** - to maintain charity status the AGM needs to be reinstated early in the New Year.

**Wish List** – this has been received from the school together with a list of the profit made from each event last year. Donations of wet play games have been requested in recent comms. The committee will discuss what they would like to fund from the list provided which included wet play games, funds towards the pop-up pool, replacement screen in the hall and year 6 leaver's hoodies/books. In addition, the SENCO has requested funds towards some resources for sensory provision and EF has requested funds towards books for the reading scheme stock which needs topping up.

FOAH would like to see on the wish list who would benefit from particular items, and this will help if requests for donations are made from local businesses. FOAH may prefer to give departments a small amount rather than fund larger projects. School will add to the list as and when items are requested, and this can be shared with FOAH regularly. The group discussed donating a nominal amount towards the year 6 leaver's items rather than funding the total amount and suggested seeking donations from parents for the balance. School would always want to avoid putting pressure on parents to fund items. Discussed running a specific event to raise funds for this. The current year 6 cohort missed out on these items when they left LINS so that's a consideration for next year. To put this spend into perspective, £2,000.00 was all that was raised by FOAH last year.

**Event Management** – it helps the committee if other parents can take ownership of overseeing events so they are not all run by one or two people.

**Osborne Book Sale** – last year school held a sponsored read and raised over £1,000.00 which was spent on books for class libraries and reading scheme. The rep would consider supporting the school in this again if required.

**Hall Projector** – could ask parents who work in an audio/visual environment if their companies are able to help.

**Gift Aid** – can be claimed on direct contributions, not on the total raised for an event. FOAH to consider how this could be better utilized.

**Matched Funding** – some organisations do this so it's worth advertising for parents. FOAH have benefitted from this in the past.

**World Book Day** (6<sup>th</sup> March 2025) – a successful event was held at LINS last year. The two committees could work together to buy in bulk and try and get bigger savings. The group discussed dressing up and how this is better aimed at the younger children. HB agreed to lead this event (golden tickets in chocolate) in the spring. Any books that look new to be kept for prizes.

**Christmas Events** – well underway, purchasing for present room closes next Tuesday. Apologies from school that the date was changed. It helps FOAH if as many payments as possible could be made on Gateway rather than cash on the day. CM will change the message to say this is the preferred payment method.

**Spring Events** – Mother's Day present room (SD to lead) – 26<sup>th</sup> March 2025.

**Other Events for Consideration** - plant sale, film nights (choice of film is important) two events to be considered for January/early February. Please let EF know this term if you want to go ahead with this. Parent volunteers would be needed, and staff are likely to offer to help if enough notice is given.

**Beanies** – advertise sales to all year groups £8.00 each. CM will design a poster to be sent out.

**School Lottery** – SD now has the log in details for this, has checked with school and all processes are in place. She is happy to manage this and promote to parents via newsletters and posters. Currently 8 people play this and there are cash winners every month. It was suggested the potential prizes were included in the advertising.

**Next Meeting Monday 20<sup>th</sup> January at 6.00pm**

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