



Chairperson: Chris Thomas

Treasurer: Richard Hall

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School Circle Meeting – Minutes

Date: Thursday 4th November 2021

Time: 19:00

Location: School & via video call

Present: Lisa Edgerton, Chris Thomas, Hollie Batha, Jo Bell, Gemma Ireland, Sara Marais, Rachel King, Alex Croft

Apologies: Jo Bullock, Charlotte Downes, Richard Hall, Rachel Reynolds, Claire Brown, Vicky Regan

Chair's Report

Chris welcomed everyone to the meeting including new member Alex and it was discussed how we could attract new members to the Circle. Letters are to be sent out in book bags inviting parents to join the School Circle Whatsapp group and other social media platforms are to be looked in to and set up.

Treasurer's Report

It was noted that Rich would like to step down as Treasurer and Hollie was asked to consider the position, to which she agreed. A new Secretary is to be appointed so that Hollie can step into the role of Treasurer.

A report from Rich indicated that the Halloween Disco made a fantastic profit of £405. This means that so far this school year we have raised a net total of £882 - £405 from the Halloween Disco, £390 from the 100 club, £75 from Bags2School and £12 from pre-loved uniform sales. From this, it is hoped that we will be able to donate another £800 - £1000 to the school in January.

Head's Report

Lisa expressed the gratitude that had been received from around the school for the donation they had received from the School Circle previously. It was noted that Little Owl's had ordered a little hut to do their reading in, Class 2 had ordered teepees for theirs and the older classes were still deciding what to do with their donation.

Despite some initial apprehension regarding the splitting of the Halloween Disco into 2 groups, the Disco was deemed brilliant and a success. It was praised for its variety of activities to suit everyone's tastes whether that be dancing or playing the games. It was also noted that it worked quite well having the younger children separated from the older children as it was perhaps a little less intimidating for the younger children.

Events planning

All events will be subject to the relevant Covid guidelines at the time of the planned events.

- *Frost Fayre* – Confirmed for Friday 3rd December.
 - A new Santa will need to be found as the one we normally use has retired. Gemma will be asking her Dad if he is available.
 - Lots of helpers will need to be sought for the evening to help with manning and organising stalls such as reindeer food, photos with Santa, barrel of booze, raffle, jam jars and to help with setting up and clearing away on the day.
 - Kitty will be running a food stall.
 - Lisa will ask the school choir to perform a song on the evening and ask the art club to help make decorations to decorate the school.
 - Jo Bullock has the christmas cards in hand.
 - Volunteers to be sought via Whatsapp and at the school gates.
- *Christmas Parties* – Wednesday 15th December at 1:30pm.
- *Christmas Carols* – Thursday 16th December at 2pm. This will be held at the church with refreshments being served in the school hall afterwards. Volunteers needed to serve refreshments.
- *Other potential events to be discussed at future meetings* – Pizza/popcorn/movie night, Easter disco, Summer Ball (Rachel to take charge with a sub-committee – potentially for May time, venues to begin being looked for).

Any Other Business

- It was noted that the 100 club has now sold 93 numbers – up from 61 at the last meeting. A big thank you to Claire for her hard work in selling the extra numbers and to everyone who has bought a number so far.
- A new Secretary for the School Circle is to be sought, with a request to be put in the school newsletter.

Next Meeting(s)

The next meeting date is yet to be confirmed.