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Minutes of Friday 22nd September 2017

Present: Cesca Prior, Donna Ovenden, Nicci Denton, Karen Mould, Sam Cutcliffe, Emily Leeson, Jacqui Neill, Joe Reardon, Grace Angrove, Nicky Tomlinson, Holly Maidment, Nicola Northover, Jeff Brown

1. **Apologies:** Clare Watt, Jo Lemon, Emma Parker, Liz Dixon, Lucy Pape.
2. **Last Meeting Minutes** – agreed.
3. **Matters arising-**

Halloween Disco- Date has been confirmed as 1st November, in school hall.

Treasurers Report – As at 19/9/17 please see attached document for full details. High lights are: Current total balance £7877.48, 42% has already been raised towards climbing frame aiming to get to 50% by AGM in February, proposal to become a charity. DO explained that as FOO have brought in over £5,000 each year for the last 2 years, we now qualify to become a charity, which is a good thing as it opens up lots more doors.

Sensory Wildlife Garden – CP has submitted report on progress so far to Aviva. JR explained that ‘next steps’ for the area are with Andy Clarke (School Caretaker) he is taking things forward by arranging a digger to come in and scrap surface back and get black membrane down.

Christmas KOR – JR to book a convenient date with the office, suggestion of the 7th Dec.

Christmas Fair – Date confirmed to hold on 8th December. The location of Santa Grotto was discussed, it was felt the Ark was not the best place as it’s too out of the way and difficult to decorate. Moving it back to small room off the hall (Poppies room) would be best. CP asked for ideas for the fair, are there any other stalls or games parents/ children would like to see, could all those at meeting ask around and feedback to committee. CP confirmed usual stalls of Chocolate Tombola, Cake Stall, Raffle and that hopefully we’ll have a few external stall holders. SC asked if we could have more stalls or activities which weren’t ‘sweets’ related like craft/ making things. CP and ND said we had tried to do this before, including at summer fair, unfortunately there is little or no interest, However we would look at alternative small prizes for the game type stalls. This lead to discussion on whether each class would like to make something to sell at the fair from their respective classrooms. JR to ask teachers if





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they would like to source their own classes 'making 'n' sell' item or would they like FOO to provide it, await JR confirmation on this. Suggestion of salt dough decorations

Rock Challenge - School received confirmation today that Oakfield have a place! Performance night will be on 23rd February 2018. This is brilliant news, JR confirmed they have 50 children signed up and the Rock Challenge committee meeting on the 25th Sept will go ahead, we need to get things moving asap on this as although it is an amazing experience for the children it is a massive undertaking.

Up Cycle Clothes Evening – CP explained because of her personal commitments and our contact at Calmore Junior school commitments the original plan to combine forces has had to be changed. We would still like to do something but on a smaller scale and just Oakfield. Suggestion of bags of clothes brought in on the day before event (Friday) this solves storage issues. Request for people to bring as many clothes rails in that they have or can borrow.

Christmas Cards – These are the 'Children make their own' very popular in previous years (unfortunately we missed deadline last year) but this year we have all the info and are ready. Deadline this year is 17th October 2017, DO has got card design sheets for every child and will divide up into class size batches and bring to school asap. JR will raise with teachers so a convenient time for each class can be found to do them. KM happy to help with this so we get as many back asap to meet deadline.

Movie Nights – KM to look into this, liase with office to find convenient dates. Previously we have held it on 2 days, after school, 1 for infants 1 for juniors, £2 a ticket which is for unlimited squash and popcorn. Children are also allowed to bring in a cushion or pillow on the morning of movie night, which are store in classroom cupboards (KM to check this is still ok)

Focus on Reading – Jeff Brown (Acting Deputy Head) asked if FOO would be able to financially support this initiative, he explained that school are investing in reading, aiming to provide a wider variety and exciting range of books that all children can access in the Library and classrooms. He would also like to purchase new book cases and book display furniture. All committee members agreed that this would be something we'd love to support and asked if Jeff could come back with some figures and we'd go from there.





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Next meeting 20th October 2017

Apologies if I have missed anything or put anyone down for anything they didn't volunteer for, just contact myself to amend.

Minutes taken by – Karen Mould



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