

# Friends of St Mary's School

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## Minutes of the 2018 AGM

Present Lynette, Sarah Griffiths, Mr Bird, Hywel, Jenny Gay, Ellen, Dani.

Apologies Nina and Sarah Greer

Words from the Chair Sarah congratulated and thanked the entire school community for making this the best year ever as we have raised more money than ever before and have been able to provide more for St Mary's than in previous years.

Treasurer's Report - Please see separate pdf for this year's detailed accounts.

## Election of committee members

Chair – Sarah nominated by Hywel, seconded by Dani

Vice Chair - Dani nominated by Lynette, seconded by Sarah

Treasurer – Lynette nominated by Dani, seconded by Jenny

Public Secretary- Hywel nominated by Sarah, seconded by Ellen

Secretary – Ellen nominated by Lynette, seconded by Dani

So the line up for this year remains the same as last year with the addition of Danielle Base as our Vice Chair.

Chair – Sarah Griffiths (Zach Y4, Theia Y1)

Vice Chair - Danielle Base (Tristan Y6, Neve Y4, Rosa R)

Treasurer – Lynette De Nobriga (Tilly Y6, Zac R)

Public Secretary – Hywel Lloyd (Sophie Y6)

Secretary- Ellen Kirk (William Y4, Elizabeth R)

What a lovely cross section of the school represented in our Committee.

## Matters to be discussed

VR event - Mr Bird has been contacted by a VR company to see if we'd like to buy them in for a fundraising opportunity but unfortunately we cannot see us making any profit after we have paid for them.

Keep our Car Park Clear – would laminated signs made by the children help to keep the cars off the double yellow lines? Mr Bird to discuss further with school.

Roof funding As there has been an enormous amount of extra work done on the school roof Lynette suggested that we might like to support school by paying for a small part of it. It was unanimously agreed that we could give £2000 as a one off donation.

Tesco tokens - Please continue supporting us with the blue tokens, we are in there until the end of October. The winning tokens get £4000, £2000 for the next and £1000 for the runners up. Hopefully we'll get enough money to redevelop the church road entrance.

## Upcoming events/dates for your diary

2<sup>nd</sup> October Scarecrow Trail meeting

9<sup>th</sup> Oct Xmas Fayre meeting

25<sup>th</sup> October deadline for Xmas cards

26<sup>th</sup> October Cake Sale KS2 to bring in cakes

27<sup>th</sup> Oct - 4<sup>th</sup> Nov Scarecrow Trail

27<sup>th</sup> Oct Scarecrow Team in the Shopping centre

10<sup>th</sup> Nov Scarecrow Showcase – bring in your scarecrows to share and find out the winner!

8<sup>th</sup> March Quiz of all Quiz's!

28 April Cycle ride

8<sup>th</sup> June 5k

Church Road Entrance Quotes to be obtained for different prices of hardstanding around the bike park. We'll contact school council to see what other things they might like us to do with the money.

Parent Governors - access to parent governors has been discussed and Mr Bird will take this back to the next Governors meeting. Everyone is always very welcome at our meetings.

Bike Safety - it has been noted that there are some children travelling to school on bikes and scooters without the relevant safety gear. Mr Bird will take this back to the next Health and Safety Governors meeting with a proposed cycle and scooter pass to be discussed.

We can support this in May with our cycle event – maybe involving Halfords and the road safety team for a bike clinic etc etc. To be discussed further once we start planning the cycle ride.

Christmas Cards A big thank you to Lynette who has found a new company who print onto many different things as well as Christmas cards. An even bigger thank you to the staff who have been super prepared for Christmas already! The designs are done and have been sent off. The individual letters should come back soon with what we can order (and there are quite a range of things this time)

Deadline 25<sup>th</sup> Oct.

Yearbooks These look great. Thank you Lynette for your hard work. Nice to see Mr Bird's trampoline leap making another appearance.

Christmas Fayre - Great team set up, things progressing well. Triple check Risk Assessment for the archery.

Scarecrow Trail - Things progressing well, next Meeting Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> in the lawns at 7:30. School Hall Scarecrow Showcase event planned for the 10<sup>th</sup> November and 27<sup>th</sup> October we have a team promoting the Scarecrow Trail in the Shopping Centre.

Trip donations- The Friends will donate £200 per class to subsidise a class trip.

Godzilla We will arrange a swapover date in person.

What we are raising funds for this year The school are part of a Reading Enrichment initiative through UWE. As part of the initiative it requires children to be encouraged to read from a wide range of good authors. Mr Bird would like us to raise money for book boxes full of special books for each class which can be rotated when they have all been read.

Discretionary fund- If the staff require money from us for a long term goal or something in the future we expect them to submit a proposal of what they would like, which in turn will be discussed and voted for at our next meeting. If however, it occurs that the school requests up to £250 of donations as a matter of urgency the committee can decide whether or not to sanction the payment without taking a vote at the next meeting.

## **New Events**

Cycle ride This idea came to us last year and it didn't really get very far for many reasons but it is something lovely we would like to do for the children. The cycle route is already planned thanks to Charlie. Proposed date 28<sup>th</sup> April. Children to look for characters in silhouette along the route, BBQ at school after.

Quiz 8<sup>th</sup> March School hall. Max 6 people per team. £15 a team. Table Service. Bar and bar snacks. Start 8pm – close. Justin already confirmed to be Gamesmaster.

**Next meeting Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> December**