

## **Friends of Mowden Minutes**

Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> April 2025

Attendees:

Justine Grant, Rachael Mitchell, Pennie Trevillion, Sinead, Hannah Robinson, Caroline Brown and Mrs Bainbridge.

Apologies:

Joanne

Chair Rachael Mitchell:

### **Bank account**

Bank balance £15263.37

Recent funds paid for first news paid to school £1125.

Looking to change the bank account going forward as Lloyds is going to start charging a monthly fee. Will discuss with auditing accountant to confirm when switch can occur.

Considering NatWest due to there being a coin machine in Darlington town Centre. Will also look at other options.

### **Spring Term**

Spring disco feedback – disco went well, children had a fun time. Cash from the tuck shop is still in the school safe. Needs counting and banking.

For the next disco we will need more parent volunteers as without teachers kindly volunteering their time we would have had to cancel the disco.

### **Purchases**

£3370.30 has been spent on equipment for the juniors' play time. Most of the resources have arrived at school.

~£3000/4000 has been spent on storage shed for all the equipment.

The sheds will be built over Easter.

Will need to spend some more money of scooter and helmets.

Will also be sending out a letter to parents asking for old scooter donations.

Infants are currently looking at what they need. Looking to purchase and add to the amazon wish list lots of non-fiction books for the new infant's library.

Infants will also be sending a letter to parents requesting dolls/action figures and soft toys.

### **ASDA cash pots**

Was launched and has currently earned £366.99 from ASDA for school.

### **Summer Term**

Progress has been made on raffle prizes, have received a family ticket for Bambrugh Castle.

Sending a letter to Adventure Valley to request a raffle prize.

Have been given a list of contacts to request more prizes from. Will also be requesting raffle prizes from small businesses.

11 stalls currently booked in.

Inflatables all booked.

Ice cream van booked. (Also booked for last day of term).

Mrs Bainbridge will speak with Mr King about stall from Year6.

Will look to design a poster to encourage more parents to get involved with the PTA, relaxed volunteering when people are available.

### **AOB**

Easy Fundraising – over 8000 brands to purchase from, Rachael will sign up Friends of Mowden so parents can make purchases through the easy fundraising app and then donations will be made from the app to Friends of Mowden.

Summer funday raffle ticket deadline June 6<sup>th</sup>.

Need to put poster for the funday on the friends of mowden facebook page and the parents page.

My Name Tags have sent a cheque for £35.

Roarsome have approached Friends of Mowden with the suggestion of putting on a soft play event for Mowden students. Tickets for students would cost £5 and there would be 200 tickets available for the

event. If Friends were to sell all 200 tickets Friends would receive £1000 from Roarsome. It has to be a weekday from 5-6.30pm. Need to look at possible dates.

Future purchases, the ICT suite in infants will not be compatible with windows 11.

School might look at chrome books. Will need to update the suite soon.

**Next Meeting- Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> May Mowden Junior small hall 6pm.**