

Friends of Dove Bank

Minutes from 25th April 2023

In attendance: Victoria Barrett (Chair), Kate Ratcliffe (Treasurer), Nola Beeson (secretary), Mrs Fletcher (Head-teacher), Mrs Baker (teacher), Matt Beeson (CM), Julie Sanderson (Communications), Hana Darlington (CM), Rachel Gilbert (CM),

1. Communications Officer

Julie stepped down as Communications Officer as she is moving away.

Hana Darlington put herself forward to take on the role of Communications Officer. Hana is duly elected as Communications Officer.

2. Donut Disco

£358 profit made from the disco

Next disco will be in October. The theme will be a neon rave party, selling glowsticks again. These were a big hit at the previous disco.

We would also like to sell temporary tattoos at the next disco, but need to make sure we get parents' permission. The best way to do this is to communicate to parents in advance that there will be tattoos at the disco. Ask any parent who does not want to give permission for their child to get a tattoo to inform the school before the disco. Keep a list of children.

3. Pond Area

Rob (a local landscape gardener) had previously volunteered to help with the pond.

Good progress on this has been made. Vici and Hana went in at the weekend and met with Rob, who provided plants and pondlife (tadpoles and a frog called Steve).

Another volunteer will put up bat boxes and bird boxes. Empty pipes have been sourced to make hedgehog houses. Pallets have been sourced to make a bug hotel.

Helpers may be needed at weekends during May to help clear and tidy the pond area.

Children can help make the bug hotel (reception children).

Teachers can start taking the children out to the pond and nature area in small groups.

Ask Dobbies about tools and plants? Vici has already spoken to the aquatics place about pond plants.

Reminder: No removing plants and ivy in the spring due to nesting birds.

ACTION: We need to acquire some bark chippings. Team to ask around and see what we can get.

ACTION: Mrs Baker to check what equipment is in the storage at the school and give the FOD team a wish-list of equipment, e.g. buckets, nets, magnifying glasses.

4.Y6 Leavers' Hoodies

Got all the sizes for 17 children.

A local Ashby company has agreed to sponsor and pay for all hoodies and come to the school to deliver a session related to engineering and science. The sponsoring company logos should be smaller than the Dove Bank logo.

The company will contact the school about the STEM/STEAM day – preferred week is week commencing 19th June, but not 20th or 21st.

Also, put out coverage of the visit to the Graphic and the Ashby Times.

5. Coronation Celebration

Will take place on Friday 5th May, 1.15pm.

Funding was acquired to buy a time capsule for each class.

To put in the time capsules:

- A photo of each class
- Each child writes a short piece of information about themselves. Question sheets will be produced for the younger children (HANA)
- Teachers should discuss with their class children what should go in the time capsule.

Time capsules will be buried – need to pre-dig the holes.

ACTION: School to fill the time capsules

ACTION: School to find a suitable location for the time capsules to be buried.

The funding also allocates £100 to purchase refreshments: tea, coffee, milk, cups.

Cakes will be sold on the day with profits going to FOD. Small cakes 50p / Large cakes £1.

There will be a raffle. 50p per ticket. Request for prizes has gone out. Profits will go to FOD. Children will be able to buy raffle tickets when they come to the sweet and cake stalls. Or go round the classrooms with tickets.

Waffle and twist will have a sweet stall – 30 - 50% of their profits will be donated to FOD. Sweets bags should be sold at a round number e.g. 50p or £1.

Children will decorate bunting and hang it in the school during the week leading up to Friday.

ACTION: Teachers to supervise bunting decoration and hanging of bunting.

There will be craft activities for the children to do. This will be in the hall, but if the weather is bad, then this will happen in the classrooms. Children will come to the hall in their class groups to do the craft activities (20mins approx.). One craft box for each class. Make sure enough glue sticks.

ACTION: Decide on craft to be done and buy the materials. Check with Mrs Fletcher.

Adults – parents and community members will be outside (weather permitting). If weather is bad, then the adults will be in the hall. Adults will be provided free refreshments drinks and crisps, but will be encouraged to buy cakes.

ACTION: Remind parents about cake donations for the day.

Entertainment – there should be some music playing. There will be a fun quiz for the adults, with a prize for the most correct answers.

Games outside? Or leave for the summer fete?

Gates need to be manned.

Each child will take home a packet of seeds as a gift.

Large picture of King Charles to be put up and children and parents can take photos at the end of the day.

ACTION: Need to create a rota – which class is going to which activity when (craft / stalls)

Whole school goes to bury the time capsules together. Choir has been asked to prepare a song.

ACTION: Nola – write a 'what to expect' for the parents.

6. Summer Social event

Proposed date: Saturday 1st July

7. For discussion next time: allotment

Next meeting: 23 May 7pm