

Friends at Benfield School PTA Committee Meeting - canteen

Tuesday 31st January 2023 3.15pm

rescheduled to 7th February due to illness but relayed this information below via our FABS Committee WhatsApp group visible to Lisa, Jess, Nina, Bonni, Sair, Fanny and Helen

Autumn 2 review

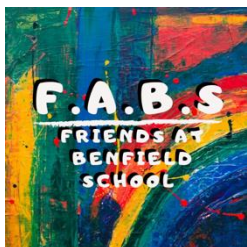
- Parents evening – imo it's not worth doing again. Make very little, if anything
- Panto was a huge hit but was pricey. Have found an alternative for next year, which is online with extras and a lot cheaper – could we do this and books for KS1? Will revisit in July or Sept
- Nativity refreshments were popular and unexpected. Mince pies were a big hit! Be more prepared next year
- Parent request x2 for crackers or similar at Christmas Dinner – will revisit in July or Sept
- Cash draw raffle only made £9 but didn't advertise due to the cost-of-living crisis
- Classfundraising problems. Apologises from them and opened up shop again for a short time. One tea towel lost Y4 and will refund £9 as not found. Will research possible new companies for next year. Should have been paid now, £232.10

Events

- Fanny has secured B&H Albion tickets as a prize. Was thinking for Quiz Night ??
- Bonni and I are meeting with Drew and Charlotte from Komedia to chat about Sundae Club and potential fair in the Summer. Will report back in next meeting

A.O.B

- AmazonSmile dissolved from Feb 20th but will receive a one-time payment equivalent to 6 months of payments based on what we accrued in 2022. Will be paid 60 to 90 days after Feb 20th 2023
- Astra Textile Recycling rate per kilo has increased to 40p (from 30p)
- Agreed to Y6 hoodies £485 from Banana Moon. Email from Clare
- Drew said that the Girls Football Kit should be covered by Sports Funding. I have informed Elise and Geoff
- I have set up a Linktree page so all our links are in one place. Have a QR code too so can put on Newsletters and posters
- I have set up affiliate scheme with Stamptastic. 15% commission on orders. Receive £23 fundraising voucher for registering. Commission paid 3 times a year



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Attending – Lisa Harwood (LH), Bonni Gilfoyle (BG), Lisa Tanner (LT) and Nina Pickering (NP) who was via WhatsApp video

Apologises – Jess Keilthy (JK)

Funding

- Miss H – Pond equipment and Music mural – Still waiting for funding request forms
- Playground (table and boat) £2500 and Library furniture £1500 suggested by Drew
- Shades / Stage – suggestions from parents. Noted that it was extremely hot last year. LT had said that she heard many parents were not happy about lack of shade and even considered keeping children off school. BG said they serve as dual purpose as cover from the rain too and that the poles are already erected in the playground. LH agreed that hearsay from parents that they are not happy with lack of shaded spaces and will suggest to Drew about replacing. Also, the stage could do with better sound equipment, the nativity was hard to follow
- Y6 Hoodies – Confirmed with Clare £485/30 children. BG suggested funding something else for the leavers as the free Summer Disco entrance doesn't hold much weight. LH suggested a Leavers book and pen maybe ?
- Enrichment trips/workshops – LT noted that Y2 had still not been on a trip since starting the school. LH ensured that funding from last year had been carried over

Future events planned

- Quiz Night
 - Rachel happy to write up the quiz
 - Raffle Amex tickets
 - NP happy to lead with another. LH suggested starting a WhatsApp group now
 - Possible date Thursday 30th March – to confirm with Drew
- Sponsored something sporty ?
- World Book Day ? Possible book sale on a Friday. Teacher contact Miss Kelly
- Coronation ? Tea Towel Teacher contact Mrs Hawkins
- Sundae Club Fair ?? July meeting Thurs 11am

Suggestions for new events

BG – Break/Make the rules day – sponsored event

LT – Talent show for families put on by teachers

LT – Disco include Goodie Bag instead of stalls and increase price

