



## Friends of Bennerley Fields

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Chair: Ruth Fowler

## Friends of Bennerley Fields 16<sup>th</sup> November 2016, at 10:30am

- **Welcome**

The meeting was attended by:

- Ruth Fowler (RF)
- Barbara Joss (BJ)
- Sue Firth (SF)
- Marie Taylor (MT)

Apologies were received for:

- Yian Linthwaite
- Susan Wilkinson

- **Finance Update**

BJ gave an update of the current finances for the PTA account.  
Please see enclosed documents.

- **Request for Funding**

### *Multi Goal for KS2 Playground*

RF explained that East Midlands Airport have agreed to donate £1,500 towards a Multi-Goal for the KS2 playground. The total cost is £4,200 plus installation costs.

There is funding left over for the KS2 playground from the Land's End to John O'Groats charity event, plus donations from Specsavers and Cotmanhay Junior School.

Please see below table of costs:

Multi Goal – Cost	£4,200
<b>Donations</b>	
East Midlands Airport	£1,500
Cotmanhay Junior School	£ 750
Specsavers	£ 213
Land's End to John O'Groats	£1,922
<b>Total Donations</b>	<b>£4,385</b>

RF requested that the Friends of BF donate any extra funds needed for the installation of the multi goal.

All **agreed** to this donation after the following actions have been taken:

**Action Point 1: BJ and RF to get installation details and discuss with the SBM to ensure this is the best supplier for this piece of equipment.**

**Action Point 2: RF to also get agreement from YL.**

- **Trustees**

BJ explained that the regulations on Charity Status have changed and we now need to become a registered charity as we raised over £5,000 last year. For this to happen we need to have a minimum of three trustees.

**Action Point 3: BJ to write to parents and invite them to volunteer to become a trustee.**

**Action Point 4: BJ to complete Charity registration forms.**

- **Christmas**

The Friends of BF discussed options for raising funds at the Christmas shows. After discussion it was decided to hold a Christmas Prize Draw in December and also to sell cakes after the concerts. The dates are:

- 14<sup>th</sup> December 2016, 2:00pm – KS1&2 Performance
- 16<sup>th</sup> December 2016, 1:30pm – KS3&4 X-Factor

MT volunteered to sell Prize Draw tickets on the day and run the cake stand afterwards for the KS3&4 X-Factor.

**Action Points:**

**5: BJ to order Raffle tickets**

**6: BJ to ask staff for donations for a wine hamper**

**7: BJ to write to parents for cake donations (both events) and volunteers to sell raffle tickets and run the cake stall on 14<sup>th</sup> December 2016.**

It was decided that the Friends of BF would donate £50 for the 1<sup>st</sup> prize. 2<sup>nd</sup> prize – wine hamper and 3<sup>rd</sup> prize- a chocolate hamper (already donated). Other prizes will come from donations remaining from the Summer Fair.

- **Fundraising Ideas / Suggestions**

*Large Events:*

After discussion about the success of Land's End to John O'Groats it was decided to hold a large event like that every other year with smaller events in the years between. It was decided that May would be a good time of year to hold the event as it would not clash with other major fundraising events such as Comic Relief and Children in Need.

Suggestions for a smaller fundraising event for May 2017 will be discussed at the next meeting.

*Other suggestions:*

The Friends discussed various options and fundraising ideas. It was noted that evening events do not work well at our school as many families are located some distance away.

This item will remain a standing agenda item so ideas can always be discussed.

The Friends discussed what the priority to fundraise for over the coming year will be. It was decided that outdoor equipment should remain the focus and in particular KS3&4 playground.

- **AOB**

None

- **Time and Date of next meeting:**

The next meeting date will be the AGM on Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> January 2017 at 11:00am