



## **Friends of Bennerley Fields**

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Chair: **Ruth Fowler**

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**8<sup>th</sup> February 2017, at 11:00am**

- **Welcome**

The meeting was attended by:

- Ruth Fowler (RF)
- Barbara Joss (BJ)
- Marie Taylor (MT) – (Second half of the meeting)
- Susan Wilkinson (SW)
- Ann Harrison (AH)

Apologies were received for Yian Gregory and Sue Firth.

RF chaired the meeting until MT arrived.

- **Updates**

AH discussed the use of Facebook and Twitter for school use.

It was suggested that Twitter could continue to be the 'external' face of the school and Facebook could be used as a closed account where Parents/Carers are authorised to have access and then can use it for communication and to build links with each other.

AH stated that SW and RF should speak with the SBM to discuss the options. SW volunteered to put a fact sheet together with how to keep the page secure.

RF had sent a link to members regarding another communication app – Classlist. After discussion it was decided that this would not be a viable option.

- **Sponsored Easter Event**

AH stated that the school would run an Easter Activity afternoon on Friday 7<sup>th</sup> April starting at 1:00pm. Activities would be class based and parents will be able to come in and participate with their children.

There will be a sponsored Bunny Hop for EYFS to KS2 and a sponsored Easter Circuits for KS3 to 4. Weather permitting the event will be held outside. As a wet weather alternative the Bunny Hop would be held in the Community Room and the Easter Circuits in the Hall.

There will also be a Chocolate Tombola.

Funds raised will be used towards the KS3/4 Playground.

**Action Points**

- **School Office to send out letters and Sponsor Forms.**
- **AH to speak with Alistair about arranging circuits.**
- **Office to contact parents to send in Chocolate donations for Tombola.**
- **SW/MT to come into school to sort out tombola Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> April.**

(MT arrived)

- **Charity Status Update**

BJ shared the completed Charity Status application form with the PTA. All agreed that this information was correct and that the form could be submitted. SF will also look through this form to confirm its accuracy before it is submitted.

(AH left the meeting)

**Action Points**

- **BJ to submit Charity Application form**

- **AOB**

**Future Fundraising Ideas/Suggestions**

- Arts and Crafts Fair
- Teddy Bears Picnic
- Bring and Buy Sale (Summer Fair?)
- Bingo
- Services Silent Auction (Summer Fair?)
- Sponsored 'Give Something Up' for the day (e.g. chocolate/coffee)
- Fancy Dress Day (Link to World Book Day)
- Fun Run

The PTA thought that a Family Fun Run would be a good event to run as a large sponsored event next year to raise a significant amount for a specific piece of equipment.

**Action Points**

- **RF to discuss other suggestions with AH.**

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

The next meeting date will be on Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2017 at 11:00am.

Points to be discussed:

- Summer Fair