



Friends of Almond Hill 'FOAH' Meeting – Monday 20th January 2025 at 6.00pm

Present - Clare Matthews, Emma Fordham, Diane Cawthorn, Rachael Harrington, Sally Davis, Rebecca Copeman, Caroline Hornby, Pam Viljoen, Godnas Kabaya, Hinthuja Selvaraja, Farhath Mustafa, Rona

Committee Vacancy – RH has received one email of interest and will follow this up later this week. There are no strict deadlines for a handover, ideally this would be at FOAH's year end (Jan) but can be at any time during the year. If anyone wants to take over minute taking also please let RH know. PV suggested looking at whether TEAMS can be used to provide a transcript of the meeting.

Spring Term

World Book Day (6th March 2025) – a poster will be created to explain the event as it has not been run at Almond Hill before. Basically children purchase chocolate bars (in advance), if there is a golden ticket inside they win a prize. A competition will be run for children to name the chocolate bars. Resources will be pooled with Letchmore to make it easier for both committees to run the event. FOAH are currently seeking prizes from local businesses and authors. FOAH children helpers can help co-ordinate the event. School to keep back nearly new books for prizes. All good condition, second hand children's books welcome.

Mother's Day Present Room (26th March 2025) – shopping is well underway and left over items from the Christmas present room can be used. Approximately 450 gifts will be needed based on previous sales. SD will send school a poster for promotion and sales will open in February.

Valentine's Sweet Jar – it was decided that this would not be organized this year with World Book Day chocolates being sold and the possibility of an Easter raffle.

Summer Term

Movie Night – CM to arrange a date, best days for school would be Mondays or Tuesdays.

Father's Day Present Room – purchasing has started. Date to be agreed at next meeting

Ice Cream Fridays – requested by the children as this is a popular event and have asked that it be run in June/July. This does need parent volunteers to make this an easy fundraiser.

Autumn Term

Christmas Fair – VS is still happy to lead on this and will agree a date with school at the next meeting. It was agreed by all that this would work best towards the end of November.

Other Discussions

Beanies – these have been advertised on the newsletter. FOAH will design a poster to be sent out to parents.

School Lottery – SD to hold on promoting the current scheme as RH has found a new scheme from Parentkind that may be better (no license needed and better pay out for winners). Current players would be encouraged to move over to the new scheme if going ahead. RH to continue research into this.

School's Wish List for Funds – to be revisited at the next meeting.

Next Meeting Monday 3rd March at 6.00pm

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