



Ravenstone Primary School Friends of Ravenstone (FoR) General Meeting – Minutes

Meeting Date: Friday 18 January 2019
Time: 9.30am
Location: Lower Ground Hall
Chair / Deputy Chair: Wendy Mulligan / Lucy Thacker

Agenda:

1. Welcome
2. Updates
3. 2019 Events & Volunteer Sign-Ups
4. The Wild Place / Amphitheatre

1. WELCOME

Thanks to all parents and staff in attendance. We would like to thank all FoR Committee members, parents, carers and volunteers for all their fundraising efforts. Since September 2018, we have raised an incredible total of £11,344.71...

- * Autumn Bake Sale raised £160.33
- * Christmas Cards raised £257.75
- * Christmas Shopping Night raised £1,926
- * Christmas Trees & Treats raised £571.25
- * Christmas Fair raised £7,864
- * Coffee morning £565.38

Bringing our total raised from events so far this year to £11,344.71!

2. UPDATES

- **AV Equipment:**
FoR are allocating £2k towards AV equipment. This will help for future events such as school shows, Ravenstock, Ravensnow, assemblies, etc.
- **Teachers Wish-List:**
Mr Croft will be asking teachers to put forward a wish-list of where they would like a financial contribution, with guidance given as to what type of things are realistic. A complete wish-list will then be distributed to parents/carers to view the options.

- **Year 6 Hoodies / Bake sales:**
Funds raised from Y6-run Bake Sales, plus any profits from the Y6 Leavers Party, will go towards their end-of-year hoodies.
- **Future Contributions:**
Budget will be allocated to assist and support children where needed for after school clubs and school trips.

3. 2019 EVENTS & VOLUNTEER SIGN-UPS

(All dates to be confirmed unless specified below)

- **World War II Talk:**
Thursday 7 February is now cancelled. A new date will be set for a date in March. We have a Professor coming in to do a talk and we are looking at running a bar during this event.
- **Easter (Raffle / small tokens for children):**
We are looking for volunteers to run the Easter Egg Raffle – please let us know if you can help. Unfortunately, we will no longer be funding the Easter eggs for the children so we can continue to promote healthy eating and also due to costs involved.
- **Vitality Night:**
We are looking for volunteers to help with this – please let us know if you can help.
- **Comedy Night:**
Parents will be hosting on the night. We are also looking to possibly getting Edinburgh Festival comedians to test out their show on us! We are also looking for volunteers to help with this – please let us know if you can help.
- **Quiz Night:**
We are looking for volunteers to help with this – please let us know if you can help.
- **Ravenstock 2019 / Summer Fair:**
Saturday 6 July is currently looking like the best date – we will confirm this asap. We are looking for volunteers to help the FoR Committee with this, specifically anyone who would like to take charge of a main overall section – please let us know if you can help.
- **Summer BBQs:**
Mr Croft and FoR are working together to run a BBQ on the last Friday of every month during the Summer Term. We will be looking to run some of the dates with a bar or possibly bring-your-own, and also some dates that are alcohol-free.
- **International evening:**
We are looking at the first Friday after the Easter holidays, but this is TBC. Funds raised will go to Shekinah House. Bea and Carol (Early Years TA's) are visiting Shekinah House later this year so Miss Dowler will approach Bea and Carol about them being involved in the International Evening.

- **Coffee mornings:**

Always looking for volunteers for the coffee mornings – please let us know if you can help even if it's just for a week here or there!

If you would like volunteer for any of these above, please contact us on the following email: friendsofravenstone@gmail.com

4. THE WILD PLACE / AMPHITHEATRE

Richard and Em spoke about the assemblies that were held before the holidays and presented some of the many ideas collected so far from children and teachers. The meeting attendees were asked for their ideas, as The Wild Place team are continuing to collect as many ideas as possible.

FoR will have a page on their website where updates on the project can be found. The Wild Place team will be working with the school and FoR in looking to put on fundraising events, and applying for grants and lottery funding.

The Friends of Ravenstone is a registered charity and the fundraising arm of Ravenstone Primary School.

As a Parent or Carer of a child in the school you automatically become a 'Friend of Ravenstone'. This involves as much participation as you wish – to organising an event, attending events or nothing at all, it's totally up to you!

The principle aim of FoR is to raise funds for the school for expenses not currently covered by the school budget. The funds are used to buy equipment and provide extra facilities for the school to support our children's learning and their enjoyment of the school experience (e.g. school trips, musical instruments, playground equipment etc).