

Minutes for Friends of Feniton Primary School (FOFPS) Committee meeting - 09.10.23  
Charity Number 1122111

Attendees:

Jen Turner-Steel, Dani Harris, Charlotte Jones, Carly Davenport, Emma Mullenger, Natasha Potashnik, Hannah Rice, Laura Hoad, Georgia Broadhead, Sarah Evans.

Apologies: Terri Berkshire, Lauren Retter.

Dani welcomed everyone to the first meeting of the new school year. She ran through the importance of the role of FOFPS and what our funds are used for (Mr Wright, bookbags, library books to name just a few etc). Mrs Evans also stepped in to advise that FOFPS pick up the slack from what is missing from their government funding and how grateful the school are for every pound raised.

As a committee we have set a fundraising target of £12,000 for this year. We also have a small team of members searching out grants for our school. Many businesses do offer grants for charities, so please do ask around within your workplaces. Businesses can also claim tax relief for any money, supplies or donations made.

The committee members Jen and Charlotte introduced themselves and explained their roles as Vice Chair and Treasurer respectively.

Treasurer report –

**Start of year:** £4411.59

Commando Challenge: +£2136.00

Meet and Code Grant: +£400.00

Donation to school to boost grant: -£80.00

**Current total YTD:** +£7344.84

The Commando Challenge was a huge success this year. For all of those who attended, you will have seen how much fun the children had. They were full of beans, and even more full of smiles (and covered in spots). Thanks to everyone's mammoth efforts, we raised an incredible **£2136.00!!** In this financial climate, this is just phenomenal. We would like to take the time to thank every child who took part or helped us out with set up, all our volunteers on the day and every single person who donated money.

We are on the hunt for some new Class Reps. Firstly, I would like to express our thanks to all the outgoing Reps for everything they have already done for us. We are aware that some of you have been covering year groups that your children are no longer even in, and we are very grateful! The role of the Class Rep is to be the go between, from your child's class to FOFPS. Keeping your year group up to date with upcoming events and fielding out information. We are also wanting our Reps to be more hands on with FOFPS events. This may just be jumping on to sell coffees or icepoles for an hour here and there, or manning a stall for a day if you have the time to spare. If you are interested in finding out more information, feel free to grab one of the committee members, or alternatively, pop Dani an email [PTAChair@feniton.devon.sch.uk](mailto:PTAChair@feniton.devon.sch.uk). If any classes are not represented, this could result in your child's year group missing out moving forward.

If you feel that you would like to just pop your name down to volunteer adhoc but not as a Class Rep, please send your details to the email address above and we can add you to our volunteer list. Volunteers are what keeps the FOFPS events going and are vital to their success. If we do not have enough, we will not be able to host any of the fundraising events and raise much needed money for the school.

Upcoming Events -

SCHOOL DISCO'S ARE BACK!! Our Autumn Disco will be held in the school hall on the 20<sup>th</sup> October. We will be running an earlier session for KS1 including Little Explorers, then a slightly later session for our KS2 children. Think fancy dress, or dress fancy.... (alternatively, wear whatever you feel comfortable in!). Times will be confirmed via email as will all ticket information over the next few days. There will be Glitter Tattoos, music, dancing and all sorts of FOFPS fun! We look forward to seeing you there!

St Andrews Fayre – 25<sup>th</sup> November

Everyone's favourite festive activity is back and bigger than ever this year. We have confirmed that the big man himself, Father Christmas will be in attendance.

We will have local businesses showing their wares, the Year 6's with their fun civic award stalls, and FOFPS will be providing our pocket money friends games, crafting and sales stalls. We are going to have plentiful food and drink options, and of course our GRAND DRAW!

Our village famous Grand Draw is our biggest fundraiser of the year and we are hoping that this year will be no different. If you, or anyone you know/work for/socialise with, can donate prizes for this, we need it all. From Afternoon Teas at fancy hotels, to a free boiler service, candles to chocolate and everything in between, the more the merrier.

FOFPS Christmas Photoshoot – Date TBC

Our FOFPS festive photoshoot will be back this year. With updated backdrops and props, we are very much looking forward to creating special family memories for you and your little people.

Having a clothing clear out? Please make use of the clothes banks in Feniton Sport and Social Club car park. For each time this is filled and emptied, money is raised directly for the school.

Our next committee meeting will be planned in at our St Andrews Fayre meeting.