



## Annual General Meeting - 19<sup>th</sup> September 2018

**Present:** Sarah Pitcher (Chair)  
Charley Neale  
Lucy Cass  
Annette Corbett  
Len Hughes-White  
Michael Dillon  
Karen Cameron  
Angela Spooner  
Anzelika Liep  
Lucy Potter  
Nicola Pottinger  
Susan Harris  
Kate Russell

**Apologies:** Raquel Pereira  
Emma Austin

### 1) Finances

The total raised for the academic year 2017/8 was around £9000. This was mainly through events including Film afternoons, Quiz nights, Fireworks display, Disco evenings, Family Bingo event and the Summer Fete. There were also donations from various fundraising schemes.

£3000 was paid to the school for the laptops contract. The current total in the bank and PayPal account is around £9500.

### 2) Constitution

The new 'Friends of Birch Hill Primary School' constitution was accepted.

### 3) Election of New Committee

Three current committee members agreed to re-stand. There were no other interested parties. A majority vote was passed.

The Elected Committee Members are: Lucy Cass (Y4 parent), Charley Neale (Y6 and Y3 parent) and Sarah Pitcher (Y4 and Y1 parent).

#### **4) Fundraising aims for 2018/19**

The school would like to develop an area of the playground for the Reception year group, make some improvements to Badger's Retreat and replace some old play equipment. It was decided *Friends* would focus on raising money for a small climbing frame / play equipment which could be used by Early Years as well as the rest of the school. The estimated cost is around £13,000. This may be instead of funding the laptops contract this year (Mr Dillon to confirm).

There will also be a series of 'community digs' where volunteers are asked to come in and offer labour / suitable equipment. Dates to be announced.

#### **5) Christmas Cards**

It was agreed that up-take is higher if artwork can be done in school but this needs to be in the next few weeks! Annette can co-ordinate the school side and we need a parent volunteer to organise / find a suitable company.

#### **6) Outdoor cinema**

Nearly 300 tickets have been sold on-line to the public as well as people associated with the School. Senior staff will be around to help on the night and some site rules will be published. The catering will be provided by Kelly and her team cooking pizzas and hot dogs. Popcorn has been donated by Cineworld and we will also be selling sweets and ice creams (helpers for this would be appreciated please!) We have a licence to sell alcohol but will ask guests not to bring their own on site. The weather forecast is dry so hopefully this event will be a success!

#### **7) Date for next meeting**

**Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> October 6.30pm**

#### **Up-coming events:**

**28<sup>th</sup> September 6pm – The Greatest Showman, outdoor cinema**

[www.pta-events.co.uk/friendofbirchhillschool/index.cfm](http://www.pta-events.co.uk/friendofbirchhillschool/index.cfm)

**Friday 12<sup>th</sup> October 7.30pm – Quiz Night**

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