

Thornford FTS AGM

January 2025

Date: Thursday 16 January 2025

Venue: The King's Arms, Thornford

Present: Mrs Blencowe, Caitlin Miller, Erin Fountain, Vicky Puzey, Kate Williams, Suze Yates, Philippa Hunt, Katie Pearce, Sophie Cahill, Tony Otto, Katrina Martin

Apologies: None

Minutes of previous AGM: minutes approved.

Chair's Report: Caitlin Miller

- Discussed ring-fenced money in bank – best use for this. Originally raised for a running track, but Mrs Blencowe to discuss with SAST as playground also in need of refurbishment. Speak to previous FTS about agreements around this.
- Astroturf path discussed, to aid safe manoeuvring around gardening area/safer play – Mrs Blencowe to check
- Josie's Garden – Mrs Blencowe looking at grants for refreshing this area
- Feedback from disco – overwhelming feeling that disco should be pre-paid only, especially for KS1. No cash on the evening, unless for photo booth.
- Discussed Parent Pledge – parents that are able and willing can have the opportunity to pay more towards events, if they choose. Mrs Blencowe to check if this system is possible
- Easy Fundraising App – need whole school awareness as could be a big earning opportunity. Mention on Dojo, in assemblies. CM to put out a video/link as a 'how to' guide and put in newsletter.
- School uniform – not a good financial comeback, better storage discussed. Use shed fund to purchase storage system for easier access for parents.
- Should we have a uniform request system? No charge for uniform?
- Sponsorship for kit – Mrs Blencowe to check what we need and let us know
- More transparency about FTS fundraising – how much is done and what is being spent (Dojo) Termly summary.

Previous year Fundraising events:

- Book fair, school photos, Christmas & Summer plays, story night, disco's, Easter competition, sports day, Summer Fair, pumpkin colouring, Christmas Fair, crafts

Future event ideas for 24/25:

- VP to meet with Mrs Blencowe to check dates
- Parent evenings - Race night, quiz night
- Family events – bingo, village cricket event

- Child only – story night, Spring disco (all KS1/2), crazy hair day, Easter egg hunt, colouring for Easter, Summer Fair
- Discussed if there is a charity to send old uniform overseas – Mrs Blencowe to check

Treasurer's Report: Financial review of the last school year: Erin Fountain

- Summer Fair was the highest yielding event - £1600 profit.
- A number of expenses discussed. Huge amount of FTS support given to events throughout the year: Doodle, trip to Bristol, school laminator, Christmas class presents, transport, playground games, AIM High day, gardening items, M&M production, food items, board games, reading shed, Tutankhamun trip, Harry Potter trip, other trips, Kitchen mixer and kettle, freezer for events, Piano, volunteer flowers (not an exhaustive list) **TOTAL SPEND £4358.33**
- Discussed French exchange/twinning trip – costs went over, overpayment had to be covered by FTS funds. Query as to whether this was an annual event? KB to check
- Doodle software discussed – one of the biggest FTS outgoings. Should this be a SAST responsibility going forward, as an academic/homework support?
- Astra recycling raised £260 in 23/24, price per kilo has now dropped considerably, but committee feel is still worthwhile

AOB:

- After Easter new committee will need to be arranged. Current committee stepping down from May, but will support until end of Summer term, as needed.
- FTS event dates need to be put in calendar asap and make committee members aware.
- Set next AGM date.
- All positions proposed and seconded.