



## Friends of Denver School Meeting ACTIONS – 24<sup>th</sup> February 2025

**Attendance: Ben (Chair), Charlotte, Lisa, Louise (Head of School), Michelle, Nanci (Vice-Chair), Nikki (Treasurer), Sarah (Secretary)**

**Apologies : Angela, Danielle, Rosie, Victoria**

**1. Crazy Hair Day – Wed 26<sup>th</sup> Feb (Agreed: donations of £1 OR raffle prize)**

Date has gone out in newsletter.

Sarah to send email reminder and post on FB. Ben to ask for crazy hair day info to go out on whole school class dojo (see below).

Ben happy to store any raffle prizes donated, with a view to saving for Denver Fun Day tombola in July.

**2. Parent Consultations – Wed 5<sup>th</sup> and Thu 6<sup>th</sup> Mar**

Friends asked to serve teas and coffees.

Ben can help both nights. Nikki from 4pm Wed.

Ben to check if any of the others in the group can help.

**3. Miss Waters' leaving do – Thu 13<sup>th</sup> Mar (event 3.20-4pm) – volunteers for set up & tea/coffee serving & pack down**

Ben available to serve teas and coffees.

Rosie mentioned previously she could help.

Nanci happy to bake Brazilian carrot cake and Ben to bake.

Debs providing cake.

Ben to check if any of the others in the group can help.

**4. Mother's Day posies – Fri 28<sup>th</sup> Mar (request donation from Morrisons?)**

Ladies from the church are coming in to support this.

Mrs Jones has approached Tesco, who cannot help (as they have provided bird feeders and butter for tea and toast, but did ask us to go back again and ask for what we need as they reset the budget each month).

Mrs Jones to talk to Danielle about the possible donation from Morrisons.

Student Council to pay for flowers.

[For future: Sarah to approach Lidl to try to setup relationship via Friends email account].



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### 5. **Easter fundraising** event ideas (w/c 31 Mar)

Discussed something before the Easter service in the Church.

Easter egg hunt by class – teachers can do it when they can during the day (31<sup>st</sup> Mar). Swaffham Waitrose donated eggs previously. Sarah to check email. Need Haribo or alternative for children with allergies.

Michelle and Ben able to volunteer to set up.

Guess the mini eggs/jellybeans (allergies). Need a jar and eggs. Need more lead up time and show to the children in class.

Nanci can get hold of a bookers card. Nanci to check price of the mini eggs. Nikki to see what she must do to apply for a bookers card for the Friends.

### 6. **VE Day celebrations** (8 May)

Celebration – street party – Norse to do picnic box lunches - in school time. Some kind of entertainment. Inviting parents/carers in. Previously had the birds of prey and Punch & Judy and stilts entertainer. Brainstorm other ideas, maybe with a linked theme. King's Lynn museums. Downham heritage. Ben to post something to WhatsApp to ask rest of group for suggestions.

Mrs Jones suggested ice creams / ice lollies provided by the Friends.

### 7. **Bingo night**

Check with Matt Valentine re village hall bingo events.

Mrs Jones to pass email address for Matt to Ben/Sarah.

### 8. **Denver Yard Sale?** (inform Nick Robinson)

Check car boot dates ASAP and village hall - Sarah

[Ben and Sarah away 27 Apr]

### 9. **Reception Playground fundraiser** ideas

Huge congratulations to Danielle who has raised £35k from NCC. Also looking at Lottery grant to top up. Quotes from company will be worked to the amount they have.



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Would Friends be able to support with some funds? Possible summer event to raise money for this theme (to be discussed at next meeting). Also, Tesco blue token application which is due to be re submitted.

### 10. **Bags2School** dates

Next date: 7<sup>th</sup> May Michelle has organised and Mrs Jones to put in the newsletter.

### 11. **Pre-loved school uniform** (storage/events)

Check who has admin rights for FB page – Amanda

We might have the use of a shed in future. Bases to be put in in a few weeks' time.

Set up form to go in newsletter/on website – Sarah to do.

Take an inventory of stock – Danielle?

Invest in plastic boxes for storage. Ask for donations of these?

### 12. **Pantomime booking** - request to fund for December 2025

Email from Mrs Jones requesting Friends to fund the annual trip to the panto. Yes!  
Nikki to book.

AM preferable. Later the date the better.

### 13. **Volunteer DBS checks**

Most of the Friends have now supplied details to Nikita as requested. Charlotte and Nikki to contact Nikita with theirs.

### 14. **Parentkind Model Constitution**

Needed to apply for certain grants/funding. Think we had a version but cannot seem to find it in previously handed over paperwork.

Sarah and Ben to complete and check with Mrs Jones. Signatures required.

### 15. **AOB**

- Christmas card fundraiser - Michelle has had email. Happy to sort again.



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- Father's Day fundraiser – Michelle to check what is available and discuss at next meeting.
- Denver Fun Day – discuss at next meeting.
- Year 6 leavers do – discuss at next meeting.
- Valentine's Disco – positive feedback – parents asking for another one. Ann happy with state we left the village hall in. Games next time. Jamie happy to do – give prizes to him. Need a mobile phone policy. Teas and coffees not popular – next year use kettle or small super tots urn.
- Ben to provide Friends update to Mrs Jones for newsletter.
- Messages from the Friends can be sent to Mrs Smith (Nikita) who now has access to whole school dojo, as this seems a preferred method of communication with parents.
- Date of next planning meeting: **Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> March** at in the staff room – **3.20 pm** start. Childcare is available at the afterschool club, if requested. Sarah to set up TEAMS call for anyone who would like to join the meeting remotely.