



## Friends of Ditchheat School

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Item		Action
1	<b>Previous minutes</b>	
2	<b>Gardening/Front Garden review</b>	
	<p><b>Funding request</b> – planting of the front garden and Cherry planters. Front areas include under the windows and around the pond (other areas have potential to be changed during upcoming reno). Andrea O getting together a price list for bulbs.</p> <p><b>Funding request</b> – Looking for some display signage for the pond/garden areas to use for educational material. Mrs Bisset going to send over quotes.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Currently working on the 'vision' for the school front garden spaces, would like some sort of work group to support. Waiting for more information on what this looks like.</li> <li>- In the meantime Cherry garden pond needs to be cleared, AO leading. AS offered support.</li> <li>- Tesco Garden funding grant currently on hold until we know what the new garden plans are.</li> </ul> <p><b>Big thankyou to Andrea for all her work in the garden to date</b></p>	<p><b>AO</b></p> <p><b>Mrs B</b></p> <p><b>AO</b> <b>MrsB</b></p>
3	<b>Easter Bingo</b>	
	<p>Chocolate Easter bingo evening 22<sup>nd</sup> March</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Need some clarity from EC, is this an event for the children or parents?</li> </ul>	<b>EC</b>
4	<b>Valentines Disco</b>	
	<p>Booked for Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> Feb. We voted to cancel this date and move to a summer disco instead – feels too soon after Halloween.</p> <p>Going to look into making it a bit more cost effective – AA to look at alternative DJs/entertainers. For reference Kimmy is circa £180 and Disco dave used to be £60-70</p>	<b>AA</b>
5	<b>Coffee morning/uniform sale</b>	
	<p>Coffee am Friday 19th with second hand uniform all ok in hall. EC will be teaching but Emily can assist you with anything.</p> <p>Money raised from the coffee morning will go to FoDS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Sam to make a poster.</li> </ul>	<p><b>SW</b> <b>AG</b> <b>NH</b></p>



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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- AG organising uniform request and newsletter</li> <li>- Nadia H leading the coffee morning</li> </ul>	
<b>6</b>	<b>Sponsored Olympian event</b>	
	sponsored Olympian event in Feb to raise money for sports kit and as a highlight for the children a paralympian visits the school. Happy to do sponsored swim in summer in out swim times as this raises lots of money Need some clarity from Elaine	<b>EC</b>
<b>7</b>	<b>Colour Run</b>	
	AA to bring all the cost info to next meeting. Hoping to run this event in the summer term. AA to speak with EC about dates etc.	<b>AA</b>
<b>8</b>	<b>Financial review</b>	
	Current balance £15477.51 Cost – Xmas lunch £320.73 plus £109 for parentkind Income: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Wreathmaking £373.89</li> <li>- Xmas cards £245.60</li> </ul> School have sent invoices for: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Books bags (£118.75)</li> <li>- Outdoor learning kits (£548.27)</li> <li>- Music lessons (£950)</li> <li>- Walkie talkie invoice (£49.99) <u>to be covered by the school</u></li> </ul>	
<b>9</b>	<b>AOB</b>	
	Thanks from staff and children at school to all the FODS for all their hard work with making the Xmas lunch- it was fabulous. Also thanks for all the other events eg Wreath making, father Xmas etc- all very Christmassy and enjoyable  Need to store feedback somewhere in some sort of event sheet.  We agreed to trial a Zoom meeting for the next get together, it was very chaotic with all the toddlers!	