



Minutes of Friends of Montalbo School Meeting held 17th November 2020 via Zoom.

Present:

Julia Steele
Shaun Thornton
Joanna Buchanan
Simon Miller –FOMS Treasurer
Louise Finlay

1. Apologies –Hazel Rayner

2. Finance Update –spending plan

Simon updated group. Current balance £4066.80.

Simon will arrange for accounts to be audited. Simon to stand down from Treasurer in New Year once Bank account signatories are updated. Simon and Louise are current signatories on FOMS bank account.

We will need to appoint a Treasurer for FOMS in New Year. Simon has done a fantastic job.

Spending plan –Mr Minikin discussed Round house project that will cost £20,000. This will allow Montalbo School to offer more outdoor learning space. School currently has £5000 from Banks and £1000 from a Barnard Castle Counsellor towards the project. Everyone happy to support this project with current FOMS funding and from future fundraising. In future, once safe Mr Minikin is keen for Community groups to be able to use Round house outside of school hours.

3. Selection Box /Sweets for pupils –Julia will buy Selection Boxes for all school pupils. 201 pupils at school. Sweets will be bought for those with allergies. Mr Minikin will email Julia details of Gillian, Community Champion at Morrisons Barnard Castle.

Rebecca Simpson has kindly agreed to provide Reindeer Food for all pupils to give out with selection boxes.

4. School Lottery

Mr Minikin will add information and link to school newsletter and app to promote school lottery:
<https://www.yourschoollottery.co.uk/lottery/school/montalbo-nursery-primary-school>

5. Co-op Community Fund –We have been successful in becoming one of the organisations chosen by the Co-op Community Fund. We can ask friends, family, parents to link their Coop card to Montalbo School. 2% of cost of purchases will go to FOMS to go towards Round house project. Mr Minikin will add link to School newsletter and app.

6. A.O.B

Children's Christmas Cards –not arranged this year due to COVID. Will arrange 2021.

FOMs members –Mr Minikin will add article to school newsletter and app asking for any parents who would like to join FOMs.

Christmas Raffle –organising a raffle for Christmas /Lucky Squares was discussed.

Ideas of how we can do this safely were discussed. There are on-line raffle platforms such as Raffel however they do charge commission.

Cash prizes were discussed –eg 1st prize £50, 2nd prize £30.

Decision made to organise future FOMs meeting for 5.15pm Tuesday 1st December to discuss and agree.

Date of Next Meeting –Tuesday 1st December 2020 -5.15pm via Zoom. Joanna to send invites.