



## Friends of the Mead Meeting Minutes - 22nd November 2021

### **Attendees:**

Sarah-Jane Churcher (SJC), Rachel West (RW), Melissa Morgan (MM), Rachel Truman (RT), Emily Thain (ET), Kate Goodwin (KG), Ksenia Ostrovskaya (KO), Emma Kent (EK), Sudefeen Colman (SC), Mary Ross (MR), Simone Mowling (SM), Claire Thompson (CT)

### **Apologies:**

Matthew Grogan (MG), Andy Martin (AM), Matt Cullimore (MC), Cath Newland (CN), Ella Blackwell (EB), Leah Pippard (LP), Deborah Richards (DM), Sarah Morley (SM), Kate Leuty (KL), Natalia Slattery (NS)

### **1. Welcome & Introductions (SJC)**

- SJC opened the meeting, noting that today's agenda is focused mainly on Christmas events.
- SJC gave an update on the recent meeting between the FOM committee & school senior management (*refer meeting minutes 181121*)

### **2. Upcoming Christmas Activity (SJC)**

- SJC gave an update on the upcoming Christmas events & activities, noting that a parentmail will go out to give full details to parents. These are:
  1. Jolly Jam Jars - as per previous years, class reps to please send a reminder to their year groups on Monday 6th December
  2. Christmas Hampers - these are underway, tickets will go out in book bags on Monday 29th November
  3. Christmas Movie Night - *\*Post the meeting this event was cancelled - will be rescheduled later in the year\**
  4. Christmas Jumper Day for Save The Children - to take place on 10th December.
  5. "The Prince & the Pauper" at Trinity Theatre - scheduled for 14th December, funded by FOM
  6. Christmas Cards - Orders will come in this week
  7. Christmas Socials - Confirmed that these have been organised for the coming weeks
  8. Teacher Gifts - It was confirmed by EK that collections happen at year-end only, due to the volume of requests that people have at Christmas. Parents to buy their own separate gifts for Christmas.

### **3. Christmas Fair (SJC)**

- The Christmas Fair is planned for 15th December *\*Post the meeting it was shared that we will need to look at how to make this event Covid-safe\**

- Children will come in groups of 2 year groups: Pre-reception & Reception, Y1/Y2, Y3/Y4, Y5/Y6; spending 45 minutes in the gym, and 15 minutes visiting Santa's grotto in the outside classroom.
- EK noted that Sam Danby, a Y5 parent and an actor, has volunteered to be Santa this year - SJC will contact him to discuss.
- The stalls will include the following:
  1. Teddy Tombola
  2. Chocolate Tombola
  3. Gingerbread Man decorating
  4. Tattoos/Glitter
  5. Reindeer Food
  6. Christmas Craft
  7. Lucky Dip
- SJC will send out a list of stalls and owners/helpers, identifying where we will need to fill any gaps.

### **3. Uniform (SC)**

- SC noted that there will be another uniform sale before Christmas Jumper Day on 10th December, where SC & MR will include a Christmas Jumper table, allowing everyone to clear out their old & unwanted Christmas Jumpers. Date TBC.
- EK noted that this idea will also work well for costumes for World Book Day.

### **3. AOB(SJC)**

- SJC noted that "Fitness on the Astro" is planned to start in January. For safeguarding reasons, and to ensure that attendees get the maximum benefit from the sessions, this will be on a per-term basis.