

Friends of Athelstan
AGM
Wednesday 11th May 2016.
8pm at Oddfellows Arms

Present:

Sarah Evans	Sara Birkby	Joanne Smith
Cath Harrison	Chloe Conqueror	Carina Costa

Kate Parks

Apologies:

Deborah Bentley	Kasha Hart	Nicola Young
Sue Thompson		

- All committee members stood down. Sarah Evans was re-elected as chairperson, seconded by Sara Birkby. Sara Birkby was re-elected as treasurer, seconded by Chloe Conqueror. Joanne Smith was re-elected as secretary, seconded by Cath Harrison.
- Committee decided to open a new bank account in the new name (Friends of Athelstan)
- Signatories for the new account elected as Sara Birkby, Sarah Evans and Joanne Smith
- Old bank account to be closed
- **What worked last year?**
- Christmas fair: By far the biggest success raising [£921.37](#)

Looking to Eversley park centre for next year. Date should be a Saturday in November between 11am and 2pm. FoA will have a stall for the children who partake in the grow a pound event. (see later)

- School Disco: raised [£513.16](#) on ticket sales and [£48.80](#) on 'shop' sales.

Due to the unforeseeable nature of the school building works, and the multiple hurdles of holding a disco on non-school premises, it is unfortunately not possible to hold a disco in the immediate future. This will be readdressed as soon as circumstances allow.

- Lotto: raised [£280](#). Following a slow start, most numbers were sold last year. To maximise sales this year the board will be available from July, offering a 'free draw' in September. Following the holiday, any remaining numbers will be offered for sale.
- Bags For Life: raised [£190.16](#) Although this was a successful event, it is felt that this should be biannual. In its place this year mugs or recipe books may be offered for sale. Readdress this at the next meeting.
- Easter Raffle: raised [£134.20](#) success due to quality and quantity of the donations received. Tickets sold very well.
- Smarties: Event was not as successful as hoped. Totals not yet in, but so far an average of 6 tubes per class have been received back.

- **New events for next year.**

- Due to the building works, only small events can be planned.
- Grow A Pound: <http://www.pta.org.uk/news/Grow-a-pound>
Children are invited to join in with this event. Each child receives a pound and encouraged to run projects to raise funds. A prize will be awarded for the best entrepreneur. Event will run between September and Christmas fair.

- **Other business.**
- committee discussed the scooter pod request and decided that this would not be the best use of monies raised. An application for a grant from Kingspan will be made to hopefully cover this cost. A preference was shown towards bikability training as a provision that would benefit the majority of children. Chloe Conqueror to research.
- Summer Raffle: No replies for main prize have yet been received, but it is still early.
- Facebook Friends of Athelstan page to be addressed. Catherine Kerns has stepped down from committee, and is currently the administrator for this Facebook page. Further information to follow.

Next meeting Wednesday 15th June, 8pm at Oddfellows arms.