

Mount Lane Friends & Family
Minutes of Meeting – 21st September 16

Present	Andy, Angela, Sally, Mandy B, Jordie, Tracy, Shelley, Sue P, Charlotte, Mandy U, Gemma, Hannah, Katie, Becky M, Amy D, Tasha Udall
Apologies	Holly, Louise, Kath, Nicky, Debbie, Lucy
Financial Status	Currently have £481.38 in the bank account.
Minutes of last meeting	Briefly discussed and agreed.
Matters Arising:-	<p>Angela summarised what pieces of equipment/furniture/soft furnishings have been purchased for the yellow room over the summer, which totalled just over £3,300. Further items will be sourced over the coming weeks including 2 new display boards, photographs for the walls and large hanging mobiles. It was also discussed that a new TV may be installed in the green room, with a new larger monitor being purchased for the yellow room computer. Everyone agreed that the yellow room is looking lovely following the revamp.</p> <p>Fund-raising was then raised and discussed. Mandy U strongly indicated that we had already had a large event this year, which took a lot of organisation, time and effort resting on the same members of staff and felt that we didn't need any more extra work organising another event this year and small, simple ideas would be more favourable.</p> <p>Amy suggested using Usborne books "sponsored read" as an idea, but it was not quite clear how it could work here in Mount Lane. Therefore, it was suggested that Amy print off the information about it to discuss further. In the meantime, it was suggested that Amy also get some Usborne book leaflets for us to send out with a newsletter before Christmas for parents/carers to order books from. Everyone agreed this would be a good idea. Amy D to action.</p> <p>Christmas Hamper – this is quite easy to organise by putting a list up in the hallway of Christmassy items for parents/carers/staff to bring in to create a seasonal hamper. Draw tickets will be sold by all members of staff to their key children and then the afterschool children can sell tickets in the evenings.</p> <p>Christmas cards – the children could draw their own Christmas pictures and then we get them printed on cards and sold to their families. This needed to be investigated further, in order to see what work is required and what amount would be raised.</p> <p>Mugs – printed with all the children's names on who currently attend the nursery/club 5-11. Again, further investigation needed to be done and Katie suggested trying to use a printing firm in town.</p>
Any other business?	<p>Cot mattresses – baby room staff requested some new ones. Angela to action.</p> <p>New hats for club 5-11 – Becky requested some bigger hats with ML Logo on with the adjustable back straps; as some of the older children are unable to wear the existing ones as they are quite small. Angela confirmed that Becky could look into this further and find out costings, etc.</p> <p>How do we get parents/carers on board? Disappointing to see only one parent at the meeting again tonight. What can be done to try and promote the friends & family? It was agreed that, before the next meeting in January, all staff would speak with all their key children's parents/carers and encourage them to come along.</p>
Date of next meeting	Wednesday 25 th January 2017 at 6pm