



Agenda Friends Meeting, following AGM
Tuesday 29th September 2026
Lavant Primary School at 6pm

1. **Welcome**, Charlotte Mason, Naomi Sheldrake, Liam McNally, Louise McNally, Ashley Stevenson, Delphine Russell, Holly Baron, Nicky Taylor, Amy Musgrave, Chris Hicks, Faye Rogers, Siri Lundstrom, Kate Self, Adrian King.
2. **Apologies** Daniel Taylor, Kirsty Mariner, Meg Faulkner, Carly Charlick, Olita Williams
3. **Financial Overview – Covered in AGM**
4. **Events Autumn term**
 - a. Hobbit House opening, raised £143.
 - b. Sat 10th Oct – Grounds morning. Supplies needed (Siri to buy bedding plants etc), sign-up sheet in school for this last week. Play house on pallet outside wren class, Liam has offered to make this on the day. Louise to do cooking and buying of sausages. SI/KS arrange expense form with her. Reminded people we need helpers to take cuttings away.
 - c. Sat 7th Nov – Jumble Sale. Advertising begins c/o Kate & Charlotte. Helpers/volunteers needed (Friday before from 1pm, on the day selling, after clearing). We'll put a sheet out before the event. Nicky to manage the Friday set up. Amy can help with clear up. Kate to buy food for café.
 - d. Update from Village Fete. Asked for £1000 donation towards school as was received last year. The Fete Committee will ask LPC to ratify the distribution of Funds at the LPC 13th October 2026 Meeting.
 - e. Sat 5th Dec – Christmas Fair. Planning meeting is **Thursday 22nd October** – Adrian to ask Mr Worne if year 5&6 will do own enterprise room again, Charlotte to ask Gabbi if she would like to do the photo room again. Malcolm in touch with Santa, says he is happy to come and see our kiddies. **Will Pole for time of meeting on both whatsapp groups, committee one and helpers one.** Donation day date to be discussed with Adrian later.
 - f. Sun 13th Dec – Community Carols. New event run with Lavant Churches. SL & KS to have meeting with Laura and come back with updates.

5. **Additional support to committee needed.** Communications role potentially. Faye has offered her skills and she is happy to keep Amanda of Lavant magazine updated. SI & FR to meet and arrange handover/brief per event.
6. **Update on sound system for the hall (AK)** Adrian explains that some people have donated music equipment. School would like to ask George to come and review and get it all working, plus inform us what is missing. We agreed to pay him for his time. If we can use this second hand equipment, it frees up funds to invest in the lighting instead. Quote for audio and lighting was sourced last year so we can reconnect and ask for lighting only quote now.
7. **Adrian Safeguarding talk.** Friends are in School more than other parents. We all have responsibility for the children. Explained who the safeguarding team are. If a child reports anything to us we must instantly tell Adrian King, Daniel Taylor or Sharon Jones. Ideally write it down so we know exactly what they said. Never promise a child you will keep it in confidence. If we are in school and see an adult do something you are concerned about instantly go to Adrian. If concerned about Adrian go to the governor Chris Hawker's, Chris' number is in the staffroom on the Safeguarding board in staff room. Committee members need DBS check, will remind them to arrange a time with Annette to do this.
8. **Year 6 Leavers Jumpers.** Potential to buy them early and save money. Friends usually contribute £10 parents the remainder (last year's cost was £28 per hoodie from Game, Set & Match). Adrian will think about handing them out earlier in the year. Avy works at an apparel and may get a discount. Nicky to ask her to investigate.
9. **Tescos blue token.** Decide whether a final push is needed before scheme ends (end of November). Faye looking at maybe applying to Waitrose also. Need to decide what to use as the fundraising aim. Faye to have separate discussion with Adrian.
10. **Proposed Expenditure:**
 - a. Coach funding – Young Voices in Jan for Year 5 & 6 (requested by Mr Worne). Total cost is £975 last years coach cost was £847. We agreed to pay two thirds £650
 - b. £200 towards Author visit (requested by Mrs T) – Committee agreed to fully fund this.
 - c. Yr 3&4 Trip to Festival theatre, last year paid half of tickets. This year we have tickets for Peter Pan. Lots of the key characters are Bishop

Luffa kids, Mr Taylor would like us to contribute towards that trip

Committee agreed.

- d. From year 2 upwards the teachers have introduced whole class reading. Year 3&4 all currently doing Wonka books. Adrian would like whole class reading book sets, they will start a new book every half term. Will swap class sets of books with other schools also. **Agreed to pay for a full class set of books. For every class from year 2-6.**
- e. Activities for wet play. Would like to come to us with a quote for all classes better activities. **Agreed by committee to support. Cost TBC.**
- f. Whole class budgets £500 each. Mrs Spencer to get £300 as she has a smaller class. **We agreed to fund this.** Elsa support **we agreed to fund up to value £200 this year**, bearing in mind they will get at least £500 from Tesco's scheme. Elsa to be invoiced after purchase.
- g. Charlotte mentioned fans for the summer, Adrian has already purchased in readiness for next heatwave.
- h. Forest School, Friends happy to support if Mrs Collyer gives Adrian a list.
- i. Request for School design Tea Towels, **Committee will be asking for someone to take charge of on whatsapp**

AOB:

Issues for School council to discuss:

Nicky brought up request for U shape Bench for year 6's only. The committee also want the buddy bench. We suggested to let school council know that The Friends will double any money raised.

Miss Parrott runs Eco club, Adrian to ask if soft plastics can be collected (Crisp packets,)

Next year thoughts:

Colour run on years when it's not a production. Could bulk buy the chalk with another school but Adrian feels it may be intimidating for the little kids to do with another school. Maybe for around Easter time. Holding it in school grounds, using both exits to leave. Expression of interest. Like disco set up, all outside, short event. **Siri/Faye to research**

Siri has spoken with Jacob about a potential year 6 sleepover using the Hobbit House. Movie night for rest of kids, then year 6's stay and sleep over. Would have to sleep in tents not inside the Hobbit house. Would rely on staff giving up a lot of time. Stargazing maybe? Further discussions to be had.

Bingo night, we're hoping to host this in 2027.

Talent show, Charlotte thinks the usual Dads are still happy to do it. Invite Marco as a judge, he contributed last time by running the sound. Very grateful to him and he would be a good judge.

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