**Friends of School meeting Monday 3rd February 2014**

Present: Mrs King, Mr Barnes, Mrs Fitzgerald, Mrs Snowdon, Nicola Morrison, Amanda Morgan, Claire Wilson (Minutes) and Iram Din

Apologies: Helen Preen

* **Welcome** from Mrs King thanking everyone for attending. Message following complaint from a parent requesting all minutes to be available on the website. Minutes from last meeting were not recorded and therefore not put on website.
* **Bank account** - £1500 raised to date. Most raised from Xmas Fayre. Spread sheet of bank account to be made available at meetings for all parents to see income and expenditure.
* Explanation of **fundraising** and its importance by Bill Barnes, Chair of Governors. Money is allocated to the school based on how many pupils attend and special grants such as free school meals, special needs etc. make up the school budget. Due to local government cut backs school funding was substantially cut. A solution to budget cuts for St Cuthbert’s, to avoid a deficit, was to increase the class size to 30 to which the Diocese agreed. Increasing the size of the classes has raised a new problem of needing a new classroom. St Cuthbert’s has applied to the Diocese for the funding to build 2 new demountable classrooms on the site of the current demountable. The Diocese asks all Catholic schools to contribute 10% of the total cost of their building project.

**Next fundraising ideas**.

* More bag packs to be arranged. Nicola has a few letters requesting a bag pack at local shops. Nicola will share the letters amongst parents to contact.
* Friends to meet with **Year 6 re Prom** in July to make the event a night to remember.
* **Widening of the path** leading to the Key Stage 1 yard as very muddy and narrow. Will add to newsletter requesting donations of paving slabs that Mrs King will ask Mr Speight to lay.
* **February plans** - Collect loose change to be brought into school on the last Friday of each month. Prize for class who raises the most money. Mrs King will weigh the money in a school assembly.
* **March plans** – Film night for Key Stage 2. Date to be arranged, perhaps 4-6 p.m. Need to speak to Mrs Young to look at after school club arrangements to find out when is a quiet night. Cost would be £2 to pay for movie, popcorn and a drink.
* Father of one of our pupils wants to organise a **Coast 2 Coast bike ride**. Further details will be emailed to Mrs King
* **Next meeting – to be confirmed.**