

Attendees: Victoria, Lauren, Gemma, Liz, Nick, Saba, Sam, Paula

**Friends of Nelson & Wensum
Meeting, 24 January 2020**

1	<p>School disco, Friday 7 February</p> <p>All help appreciated, if any Friends are available.</p> <p>Disco tickets will be sold by: Paula & Saba – Tuesday 4th afternoon Lauren – Thursday 6th morning, Friday 7th morning & afternoon Sam – Thursday 6th afternoon</p>
2	<p>Becoming a joint Friends of Nelson and Wensum group</p> <p>After a brief discussion the group agreed to transition into a joint Friends of Nelson & Wensum group. Some details still TBC but the core activities we anticipate organising are:</p> <p>Discos at both school</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The Friends will hold a disco at Wensum in June 2020, and potentially schedule a second one at Halloween, based upon popular feedback from Wensum discos in previous years• Wensum discos will be 90 minutes, all four year groups combined. Similar snacks and drinks as Nelson discos, all included in the ticket price• Wensum disco tickets will only be for sale in advance and will be accompanied by forms for parents to indicate yes/no for children to walk home afterwards <p>The Friends will organise a joint summer fair each year, and alternate the venue between the two schools</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• <u>2020 date is Friday 17 July 5pm-7pm at Wensum</u>• Food & drink on playground with picnic benches on playground & power socket available under the playground shelter for music• Wensum have a slip & slide (external water point available), stocks & a tug of war rope• Bandwagon (music bus) on field with power from caretaker house• Forest school area open <p>We will trial the Small Change Challenge in each classroom across both schools, with a prize for the most money raised (e.g. film afternoon). This challenge should be publicised to children and parents with information on where the funds will be spend</p> <p>Bags2school (donated clothes) collections to be organised at both schools November 2020</p> <p>The Friends will source and wrap Christmas books for children at both schools</p> <p>The Friends will source Leavers gifts for Year 2 and Year 6 students each summer</p> <p>The Friends will organise hamper raffles at all Christmas performances, with funds going towards Christmas party resources/treats for each class</p> <p>The Friends will organise an Easter Egg raffle at Nelson Easter assemblies, and an Easter hamper raffle at Wensum</p> <p>The Friends will continue to organise cake sales only at Nelson for now, as Wensum classes often organise their own</p>

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3	Request for funds
	<p>Jane (lead MSA) has approached the Friends about a donation for resources, including: new equipment for summer playground activities - more hoops, jumbo Lego, jumbo chalk, colouring pens - and age 4-7 puzzles for wet play.</p> <p>Jane is also keen to gather some second hand dressing up clothes, and we agreed to ask for donations of unwanted dressing up items from the school community.</p>
4	Christmas fair 2019 - feedback
	<p>Mostly positive feedback reported by Victoria. Some families seemed confused about the Elfridges forms, so we could reconsider the communication for 2020 (although the Nelson form was translated into other key languages for the school community). The 'elf' helpers from Wensum enjoyed participating, and their contribution was much appreciated by the Friends.</p>
5	Actions from this meeting
	<p>Actions from this meeting:</p> <p><i>All - tell Lauren if you're available to help at the Nelson disco (Friday 7 February 16.30-18.45ish)</i></p> <p><i>Nick – ask friend about designing a simple Friends of Nelson & Wensum logo</i></p> <p><i>Gemma – source containers for the Small Change Challenge</i></p> <p><i>Lauren – source wristbands for disco</i></p> <p><i>Liz – create February disco flyer</i></p> <p><i>Liz – draft a notice for parents announcing joint Friends of Nelson & Wensum group</i></p> <p><i>Liz – draft a notice asking for second hand dressing up equipment to be donated for lunchtimes/wet play</i></p> <p><i>Saba & Jane (MSA) – create a wish list of equipment/resources for consideration</i></p>