



## FoBS Meeting Minutes 13th September 2024.

### Halloween Trail:

- Possibly do it again as Halloween falls in half term this year so may be more popular. Steph do you still have the pumpkin letters from last year which we could re use? Would you be happy to run this again?

### Fireworks:

- Date confirmed as November 8th. Fireworks, Hog roast and DJ are already booked.
- 1 food/dessert van possibly needed but could be an opportunity for us to have our own sweet and dessert stall. More doughnuts from Krispy Kreme, more sweet bags and chocolate. Maybe assign a year group to bring in cakes that can be sold on the night too.
- Chocolate tombola? instead of having winning bottle tops, have the tickets stuck on like we do for the bottle tombola. Ends in 0 or 5 to win.
- Sponsorship so far, Seymours Estate Agents and Burhill Properties. Need more, do we know anyone who works for a business that would sponsor us or someone who owns a company?
- Raffle: online sales-could be an add on when you purchase a ticket for fireworks. May not have much chance to sell many on the night due to shorter timings of the event. Would it be as popular as the summer raffle? Also need to source some prizes, use the list from the summer raffle.
- Need to get a fireworks committee together, will need volunteers leading up to the event too and then volunteers on the night.

### Christmas:

- School Christmas Day is Friday 13th December.
- We are looking for a Father Christmas, if anyone knows someone that would be happy to be our Father Christmas for the day!
- Gifts for children, was thinking of books but may be a bit too complicated with ages and reading levels, same gifts for all year groups eg key rings? need to start looking for ideas.
- Possibly having a school band on the morning to play Christmas music, are there any parents or children who play an instrument and would like to form a band to play in the morning?
- May be a possibility of having a steel band from a secondary school, will need to be looked into.
- Elfridges is going ahead, purchases are already being made for gifts on the day. Going to make it a voluntary donation of £3 if parents do want to contribute but as a gift we are going to do it for free this year!
- Christmas cards are in progress, just need to get dates in the diary for children to do their artwork. Once all the artwork is returned they will be sent home with the children, parents will be able to order their wanted items online.

- Tea towels, Candice is happy to run this again. Packs are going to be ordered earlier so we can get the products delivered to school earlier. Just need to get dates in the diary for children to complete their portraits.

### Forest School:

- Can we get a green grant for forest school?
- Plans for the forest school area to be cleared and tidied at the end of October.
- Mrs. Sear is keen to put a sail over the 'fire-pit' area so that it can be used all year round. Quite expensive to install but will be an investment that will last a while.
- Talks about having a community garden as part of the forest school. Using it as an allotment type area which will be opened to the local community. Mrs. Sear said she would supervise a time slot for people to come in, eg. once a month with an allocated time.
- Mrs. Sear to put together a shopping list of items she would like for the forest school.

### Pre-loved Uniform:

- Lots of progress with the uniform container. Jen has spoken to the council about getting a grant for the container. All looking good.
- Electrics need to be looked into.
- Could be called 'The Burhill Boutique!'

### Asda Cash pot Reward Scheme:

- Asda running a cash pot scheme where they will pay money into an account that is linked with Parentkind, runs until end of November 2024. Payment will be made in March 2025.
- Any one with an Asda reward account can link Burhill to their account and 0.5% of purchases gets added to the cash pot.
- Cheryl will look into it and make a guide of how it can be linked to accounts.
- Could use Asda for shopping that we need to help boost the pot!

### Committee and AGM:

- AGM meeting is confirmed for 10th October.
- New committee, Chair, Vice-Chair, Treasurer, Secretary, committee members.
- May send out a message to parents to see if they have any ideas they would like to share with us. Could help with getting interest for the meeting.
- FoBS website needs updating, need new pictures for the committee page. Hannah will work on the website and also on the FoBS Social Media pages.
- Jen is taking over doing the newsletters.

### AOB:

- S.E.N. pathway. Having resources and information available to parents and carers. Having a parent based coffee morning in the inclusion suite where parents/carers can get together to chat and discuss topics. Hannah is looking into setting up a meeting with times and dates. Might be worth mentioning in the newsletter so people can come along if they feel like its something that will benefit them.
- Still looking into the possibility of having a couple of electronic screens which can be used to promote events and things happening at the school. Will be easier to update.