

## **FoBS Meeting 23 Apr 2021**

Present: Fiona Fry, Jamie Ewan, Sarah Bax, Katie Lister, James Johnson, Jen Dady, Ben Melham, Lisa Winn, Ella Leavey-Bell, Gemma Adams, Ana Maria Torres

### **Y6 Leavers**

Every child getting a hoodie (£15 – funded by FoBs if unable to) – waiting for final design, be ready for final half term. Plus photo book (parent laying out, local printer printing – FOBS funding). Still planning leavers festival – Sat 17<sup>th</sup> July on Vauxmead – all in place/deposits etc but will have to wait and see.

Mrs Adams also organising stuff in school as not having residential – couple of activity days. Will be kept in school quite late with pizza van, games etc to give the residential feel and make special.

### **Non School Uniform Day – 28<sup>th</sup> May**

End of SATS weeks, small donation to go to Y6 leavers fund. Whole school

### **Summer Dress Giveaway**

KL – went really really well. Huge numbers of dresses in stock and huge proportion shifted by Becky. Lots of upcoming reception parents came. How can we reach first time Burhill parents and how can share second hand uniform with them.

JE – talked about perhaps doing on induction days, have a stall and a donation bucket

### **Summer Fair in School**

GA – would still like to offer a summer fair experience for the kids in school. They would like to handover to the Y6 children to organise as no big production for them (as no audience). Things like hook a duck, football games etc

Second to last day of term (20<sup>th</sup> July). Will be managed in school and with volunteers.

Y6 to communicate with FoBS what resources/prizes etc they need.

FF – can galvanise volunteers nearer the time

KL – don't they enjoy throwing wet sponges at the teachers! Non covid friendly sadly said Mrs Adams!

JE – will run all day as will do in year group bubbles

Any other ideas, do let know so can fill any gaps once Y6 have done their planning

### **Outside Quiz Night**

Possible 24<sup>th</sup> June (as long as roadmap permits) in school grounds. Will put a shout out to see how much interest there is on class groups/social media channels.

JJ – asked if will be picnic blankets or table and chairs. FF - Probably table and chairs as clearly marked out team areas to be separate. Supposed to be no restrictions at that point.

JJ – will be quizmaster

BM – has the trophy still from 2019 as the last winners.

£5 a head, can't do fish & chips. BYO for drinks and nibbles at this point to avoid crowding pinch points at bar.

Teams of 6

### **Grounds Committee**

LW – sent a message out to see if can get a Saturday in – looking to decide a date and then see if others can come along. Grass out of new berry lane – job that is dull but needs to be done. Funding for second patch – needs weedkiller applied first so don't have to do pulling out grass till the end of time.

Another job is shed near chickens, plants to be moved. LW needs to have another walk round and assess. Chicken area and growing beds (Y5) – chickens might eat. GA – area being reduced and fence up to avoid that happening in next few weeks. Someone coming in to paint fences from school budget.

KL – taking photos of forest school area next week so can see the work that has been done there

GA – such a massive help when people came in – sat morning seems to work well

1<sup>st</sup> or 8<sup>th</sup> May suggested – as GA can be there 1<sup>st</sup> May this will be the date (10-12). Will do a shout out for more volunteers on social media (JE)

LW - Y5 children sometimes trampling on the beds by where they are picked up – please can we try and make people aware and ask them not to do. FF – let's get a sign put up saying. GA – ask the Y5 teachers. General people around there

### **Uniform/Book/Toy Giveaway**

Thought would be good to do a repeat of that as still lot of stock from last time. Thinking if could tie in with induction days. Or do a Saturday morning. FF – May? GA – post half term as will have had meetings with new reception parents by then.

Pencil in 12<sup>th</sup> June. Not looking for more donations other than school uniform

### **Forest School Update**

GA - Miss Russell and Mrs Hawkins have done a massive update. Big reveal next week. Total redesign of area. Whole school are using and wanted to really develop. Developed so can spend more time outside and have more to do. Looks amazing and incredible. Collected lots of resources/donations

Can do art projects outside, peaceful area away from the bustle of school. Some screening up on fences to make it slightly more secure. Digging area with lots of tools, weaving frames, firepit area extended, huge mud kitchen made for all ages (3-11), sand pulleys etc like at Hobbledown, water area, couple of baths to store water (including one dumped by River Mole), water scales etc

Staff all taken down and trained on Wednesday to know how to use the area properly.

Some designs from a play company with giant chairs and climbing stuff being looked at.

Look forward to everyone seeing it. Thanks to FOBS for the funding.

JE – be great to see Y6 down there and playing

### **Library Funding**

Mrs Garbett requested £500 for new books. New fiction titles 3-6 and books on emotional health. Great new selection of books across all year groups. Also had a donation of books given of which some have been taken to the library.

Mrs Sear is looking at developing outdoor book boxes as part of a trail for book swaps – she may come to us to look for funds for materials. Men in Sheds volunteer group may be used to put together. Watch this space.

### **Eco Council – Miss Whittington**

Would like some litter pickers – FOBS can fund these.

### **AOB**

BM – various charity days through the year – is there a programme of these where days can be slotted in. Just one tree – pay £1 a tree is planted. On the back of reports around Eco Anxiety in children. Work with various schools and creating a learning programme. Where would this go as an idea to be considered.

GA – lovely suggestion – sounds a really good idea, Miss Russell leads on outdoor learning – could look at supporting that and FOBS could get involved with as well. Good suggestion. BM will email details to GA – might align with sustainability initiatives.

Collection of ink cartridges – raised £30 – asked for a more permanent bin so can keep that ongoing as really easy to do.

ELB – is crisp packet bin still running? JE – had issues in dealing with them during COVID and bins have been contaminated. If wanted to do that would need to start again. GA – need to be emptied and look at relaunching. Needs looking at again.

Next meeting is 9am (potentially outdoors) on 10<sup>th</sup> June

(Will need someone to take minutes as a work day for SB though will try to escape for an hour!)