

## FOBS Meeting Minutes 25 Feb 2021

Present: Fiona Fry, Jamie Ewan, Sarah Bax, Katie Lister, James Johnson, Trilby Fox-Rumley, Ella Leavey-Bell, Kelly Van Der Westhuizen, Jen Dady, Mrs Adams, Emma Cairns, Jo Turner

- How to help children transition back into school (where we could help)
  - Have Robin badges – Burhill pins, Robin of Resilience. Awarding for adapting to different learning environments. Can wear them in school on their uniform.
  - Any other ideas?
- Uniform giveaway on 5<sup>th</sup> March – for anyone who has grown out of stuff. Will ask for donations. JJ – can we add school shoes. Becky said stocks quite low – lots of summer dresses, not much KS2. Uniform bin will be out from tomorrow at the flagpole entrance. Email will go out via class reps and on facebook.
- Also talked about adding costumes for world book day to the giveaway donation. Opportunity to dress up as superheros for comic relief so be useful for that also. Can give a donation if want to but the main focus is on reusing.
- Anyone available on the 5<sup>th</sup> between 11-2 to come and help would be great. Will need quite a few as iPads also being returned to school 11-2 so need volunteers for that as well.
- Thinking about putting bunting up on gates and fence on first day back at school for a cheerful happy feel. Plating some of the flower pots in the grounds would be nice.

### Grounds

Mrs Adams had an afternoon with Lisa Winn, met up with someone at Elmbridge who used to be in charge of grounds years ago. Familiar with the site from 10 years ago.

- About developing the area up to where the bees are and the pond and getting some natural play/pathway.
- Funding in place for where the chickens area is. Offering advice.
- Some things that can be done just with volunteers. Stage area previously funded by FOBS is used a lot and looking a little sad – just needs re-staining. Story chair by the stage area also used a lot and needs freshening up.

Lisa keen to be part of a gardening volunteers group – either in school hours or at a weekend. Maybe once a month to start looking at the outdoors. Moving forward with projects like pathways, fencing off area where pond and forest school is and making a separate area. Invest in more plants to make it a more natural area. If anybody is interested would be nice to form a group. Fi – will put a request out for volunteers interested in. JJ – sometimes can organise work parties from corporates – could be a perfect thing for asking people to come in and help. Maybe think of people at places like Air Products.

Mrs Adams - Next week would like to put some plants in pots have any time? Thanks to all who helped with the litter pick, made a huge difference to the site. Hopefully get a little group in. FOBS provide some flowers. JT can help. Shout out on volunteers group – see what day will work - maybe Saturday morning. Could also put bunting up then. Let us know how many plants need. JT – can we use Woodlark? Might do a good deal and deliver? Will also rehome Robins from around the village into the school grounds.

Litter picking keep as an ongoing thing. Environment committee in school are going to train the children up to try and keep on top off by litter picking once a week. JJ suggested brownies and cubs but thought good for kids to take responsibility

### **Mother's Day**

Couple of fundraising ideas. Raffle of a hamper filled with goodies. Already raised nearly £300. Winner will be drawn just before and then be delivered.

Just launched a hug in a mug initiative as something can buy to give to mum/adult who looks after them. Selling via website – letter gone out from school and will be delivered by school. Sold 33 so far.

Not huge fundraisers but nice things to do and raises a little bit.

### **Easter**

Been talking to other local schools PTAs – going to do a big Easter trail with WO, CN, Ashley, BF, and Grovelands. Will have separate trails within – can do just the Burhill school one or all of them. Running through the easter holidays with a way to get out of the house. Easter phrases to find. Trails been popular. Need 13 locations around our area to place the eggs. Any great ideas please say.

FF – would like to try and add some clues so kids have to work out where they are going to be (will do map so parents know ultimately). Somewhere that will be an interesting clue. Maybe approach some businesses about putting them in windows.

Easter trail in school – Mrs Adams has delegated to Mr Whishaw. Site has been mapped for orienteering and not been able to use as yet so plan is to use that for an Easter trail. Also plan something for the staff potentially. FOBS will supply eggs for last day of term for kids.

### **Other Events**

Bigger events with roadmap opening up – need to think about possible committees if able to do.

JJ asked what are the biggest earners – fireworks by far. Burhill is earlier so good if you have younger children. JJ - Will people want to go to an activity where there are lots of other people? Do we want school to promote the event? Summer Fair – could do something with the children in school if needs be – perhaps don't have something formal like we normally would – feeling at the meeting is too early to have a big event with lots of people. Will do something in school for the children.

JT – also people might be quite busy in June/July and not have their weekends free as first opportunity to see others.

Fireworks – need to get a committee in place, indemnity insurance etc. Lots to plan but have the plans from previous years. Fi will contact last year's committee and see if can gather people.

JT asked - can we go on later at the fireworks – probably not as Paul vanson might not be happy. But look at what else can maximise.

## **Treasurer's Report**

KL - Teacher treats – raised nearly £800, thanks to everyone who has donated, still coming in. Spent £400 so £400 left to spend. One idea was having a coffee van to come to school. Jen asked for a quote, waiting for them to come back to her. Gemma said easter trail for staff would be nice to have some grown up prizes. Could pizza van come to school said JJ? Will look into possibility and costs.

KL – we now have a finance policy in place. Will be circulated with minutes. Says how many people have to sign off etc... Will also be put on website.

Changing over names on Barclays has been painful – 4 months of calls and finally there.

## **AOB**

JJ – summer term, ice lolly sales, could we put something in place FOBS fund ice lollies every week? Once COVID allows – JT? Possibly in last half term? Could we send home haribo said JJ. Gemma pointed out that there will be some parents who don't want sweets coming home.

Ice cream and cake sales good but maybe something else. Party bag type stuff is a tricky one because landfill stuff. When do sales have a variety of stuff available with some healthier treats.

Won't be able to potentially do anything till summer term – maybe theme of the week at the end of summer term.

JJ – World Book Day before back or in. Moving to Friday 12<sup>th</sup> March in school.

JJ – is playground plan ongoing, Gemma still waiting on Surrey re resurfacing – should hear within next 2 weeks. Main equipment outside – company coming in to fix and restore it and give it a bit more life whilst it is ongoing. Working with Surrey isn't quick.

CIL funding – know Lisa is on top of that – should we be approaching them. Lots of bids going in – we do have the funds in our budget so unlikely we would be able to get because we used CIL funding for the football astro pitch. Very unlikely would get any lady said today. JJ said his experience was that they often have excess funding. Apparently has been very popular this year. Will apply but may not get but Gemma confident will have the funds need to do. Will give it a go.

Thank you all for coming and for all the support

Next meeting is Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> April 2pm