

FoBS meeting Friday 13th November 2020

Present: Fiona Fry, Jamie Ewan, Sarah Bax, Candice Dolby, Katie Lister, Louise Griffiths, Lisa Winn, Silje Ross, Gemma Adams, Richard Leavey-Bell, Julia Collett, Ella Leavey-Bell, Neville Cross, Heather Webb, Lizz Carson, Jen Dady, Charlotte Stephenson, Lyndsey Smith, Samira De Rikj Ali, Charlene Beresford, Lisa Yarwood, Angelina Moffett, James Johnson

Christmas Plans

Mufti Day Fri 27th

Bring in good quality used toys, xmas jumpers, coats (donations for vulnerable families) or donation for food bank

Treasure jars – logistically a bit tricky to make sure have enough for all kids so decided against – Lizz Carson has made some but will save/give for another event

Night before Xmas – 30th November

There will be a virtual story with a hot chocolate supplied by FoBS. Done via teams, hot choc will go home that afternoon after school with marshmallows to have with story. Might need some hot choc cone stuffers.

Decorate the school – 30th Nov (looking for helpers)

Hoping to get Xmas trees to put around school outside, James is looking into but if anyone has contacts please let us know. Kids more in outdoor area so focusing on outside and classrooms rather than communal areas. Waiting to hear back from Squires – James, Garsons no.

Xmas Giveaway – Toys, Jumpers - Sat 5th Dec (looking for helpers)

11-12 – Everything will be laid out – socially distanced, come along, opportunity to donate money but idea is generally to recycle and support. Any volunteers would be very welcome
Question was asked - books as well as toys? Yes, would be welcome

Trolleys will be out the whole week preceding.

Looking at also if putting uniform out is possible – Becky Sheen thinking about if possible, Lizz said did take a while to pull together in the summer. Quite a lot still – need a couple of people to bundle. Difficulty about rummaging – something to think about, maybe Becky put head together with Lizz and will decide later.

Lizz has about 100 treasure jars so happy to donate for this too. We will work out how to use them – either her or perhaps Xmas trail?

Christingle Service for KS2 Thursday 3rd Dec.

This would normally take place in St Peters Church, this year Rev Jackie will do it via Zoom in school time. Will go through making Christingle.

Children to bring in an orange, FoBS to supply red ribbon, cocktail sticks, sweets and candle. (don't need tealights, birthday candles)

Sarah Bax – suggested red tape rather than ribbon as easier to do

Lisa Winn - Ask people to bring in candles as many will still have

Xmas Day @ Burhill on Thursday 17th December

Gemma & Louise organising, want to keep it a surprise for the children so not all plans in the newsletter.

Determined to make sure they have the very best Christmas. Aware looks a bit different this year. Come off timetable for the day, xmas parties, xmas dinner in classrooms (working with catering company), Christmas decorations, card making, games etc.

Virtual visit from Santa hopefully (FOBS looking into)

Children to wear Christmas Jumpers and have their Christmas Dinners.

FoBS to supply sustainable Xmas crackers

Elfridges - children will pay to take part via Scopay. Polly Smith been working hard all year to create a stock of presents. Silje asked how will Elfridges work. Miss Smith has set up a timetable and will be outside – to ensure no crossover of bubbles. School keeping a record and will be enough presents for all children to do. Some children may opt out but all will be included if they wish to be.

Christmas Presents for each child – have been purchased - help needed wrapping the 600 odd presents

Lousie G – please don't tell children, keep it a surprise. Lizz Carson said she had had very positive feedback re letter on Christmas

Virtual Panto – Friday 18th Dec

Food Hampers for Vulnerable families (Audrey Pugh)

12 – Budget of £30 asked for, committee agreed should be more - up to £50. Also would like to include a family gift as part of the hamper

Samira asked what need from us for these. Hampers will be funded by FOBS as hard to get the specific items needed via donations, but general food bank donations in the trollies also very welcome

Lyndsey Smith asked how go about volunteering, happy to wrap. Fiona to contact people from this call but also to put out call for help on the FOBS volunteers WhatsApp group (and add anyone who wants to be)

Other items:

Autumn Activities: The school would usually ask parents for contributions each term for activities that different year groups have, we they bring in a specialist i.e WW2 Bus, Dinosaurs workshop, Poetry workshop. School have asked FoBS to fund £2500 so that parents don't need to contribute during these difficult times.

Gemma – enrichment of curriculum, but don't want to put more financial burden on families. Costings are down as some are virtual. Requested £2500 just for autumn term, from spring will ask parents again.

Fi – thought a good use of funds to support a community

New Improved book corners for every class.

Louise Griffiths - lot of work on developing book corners, bit of a deficit in books in certain parts of the school , Luke has asked teachers to think about how can revamp, book corner competition initiated (with a trophy!). £300 for each class to spend – get rid of unsuitable, tatty books

Created Amazon wish lists for books so if parents want to support they can buy books. Most years now populated the book lists on amazon – can buy either via amazon or another bookshop. Will be communicated to parents early next week.

Ella – Waterstones have a great click and collect service at the moment in Walton FYI. Really helpful and support local shop. Jamie will add this info to the stuff that goes out

Lisa - Can you say on wish list that bought somewhere else. A nice positive initiative. Jamie – yes can
It's don't bake a cake, buy a book

Samira – will school accept second hand books as well? Gemma – yes very happy to accept good quality books

Playground Project:

Committee to be established to run this project, including representation from the school.

Lisa and Gemma Adams have been talking a lot about this. Really keen to develop the area leading into forest school. Had visit from someone from Elmbridge who will help put a proposal together, Really excited about project and getting involved with us.

Want to get a working party together. Working with pupil parliament to see what they would like but would like parents and governors involved too. Landscaping, adding equipment, can do in stages

Keen to get a date for a virtual committee meeting – any parents who'd like to be involved please contact Gemma.

Lizz – timing? Next summer? He said around Christmas/January a good time to start doing this type of work. Proposal will take around 2 weeks, date in the diary in next couple of weeks

Gemma also has a meeting on Monday about resurfacing playground, Surrey coming to visit, hopefully agree those works.

Lisa has already said will help, James volunteered to join.

Spread message and people can email Gemma directly – put on facebook page etc.

Update on Burhill Bees: Neville Coss

Nev – if anyone wants to get involved very welcome. Want to get bees used as much as possible for teaching.

Recently added renovated hives to look at as teaching aids and to inspire the children – no bees in these

Did Love From the hive back in July during lockdown – like to do more of that but in person even better, getting the children down.

Miss Russell keen to get involved, bring them in from forest school

Various tasks - Nev down there most weekends to check on bees – at peak about 50,000 bees in each hive. Making sure not going to swarm. Have to feed bees in winter. Breeding new queens so don't have to buy in. Cleaning of kit – litter pick, digging over, time consuming, any support appreciated.

Try to get as much stuff as possible donated. Got an old shed for free to keep kit in

Charlotte O'Farrell – comes and does some gardening, donated plants

New fence put up by the forest school to stop kids going to investigate apiary – now completely enclosed

Normally sell honey etc at fair etc. Sandra does the selling.

Lisa has some funding for bee friendly planting – she will talk to Nev about that. When she does her digging and wedding takes green waste home, when you do this are there compost bins? Is this something we could build/consider. Nev – nothing at moment, so maybe worth Lisa etc looking into building a compost bin with pallets etc

Nev – want to get Y 2 down there, have right size suits to get them down there. Hopefully with teachers support get them down there.

Silje – would you be interested in a bees nest to show the kids – Nev say yes

Teaching shed is now unsafe and end of life – need support to replace and rebuild. £1705

Any sponsorship relationships we might have?

Fi – think would be a good thing to do. No objections – but James asked could we investigate CIL funding

All welcome to come have a look, presentation from meeting also attached

Next meeting will be Friday 8th January at 9.30am