

FoBS Meeting 19 Sep 2021

Present: Fiona Whishaw, Trilby Fox-Rumley, Katie Lister, Sarah Bax, James Johnson, Gemma Adams, Emily Webb, Alison Finch, Kim Smith, Jaime Mellor, Jo Hammet, Melanie Bradley, Ella Leavey Bell, Samira De Ali

Apologies: Jen Dady

FW thanked all for coming. A committee change was announced – with Jamie Ewan leaving the school, Trilby Fox-Rumley has stepped in to the role of Vice Chair. Thanks was issued to Jamie and also Candice Dolby for their time and efforts.

AGM

Held every year. Whole committee to stand down. Then people can restand and others can be nominated. Will be 7th October, 7pm at school for a 7.30 start.

Roles are Chair, Vice Chair, Treasurer, Secretary and Committee Member (can have co roles on some of these if wanted)

Votes will be held in person and online.

Email will go out with details of process.

Also very happy for people to volunteer to help where they can even if not on committee!

Fireworks

These are ahead, separate fireworks committee in place who are planning and have done risk assessment.

Cost has gone up a lot, might need to charge a bit more. Previously was £20 family ticket (this was price 2 years ago). Discounts will be in place for advance bookings. Final price tbd.

On the day of set up we will need to have people with DBS checks to be around to supervise electricians whilst in the school grounds.

Asked when new playground equipment will go in – GA said potentially first week of November but will delay till past fireworks as useful area to have for that

Basing on 2000 people, tickets will go on sale ASAP. Have local business sponsors – Penningtons, Mr Crank, Moondrop, Cake Owls. Other suggestions welcomed and people suggested Surrey Coffee House, James Neave, Sparkle with Beauty and Hoops.

Question was asked about whether there would be any silent fireworks pre the main part, will investigate.

Xmas Fair

It was felt that it wasn't viable to have a large indoors event this year.

However the children love Elfridges and the grotto so FoBs has committed to supporting doing these in school again. Will be fully inclusive, payment via ScoPay but all children will get to go regardless.

Will have other Xmas things – looking to get a panto company in to do a show and possibly the virtual Father Christmas again.

Started planning for Xmas presents and will need volunteers nearer the time to help wrap those.

Tea Towels & Xmas Cards

Angelina Moffett and Jaime Mellor have offered to run tea towels.

Emily Webb will need to know dates for when artwork is needed. We have suggested week commencing 11th October. This is the same as the Xmas cards which the packs are due in for shortly – Sarah Bax co-ordinating and will be grateful for helpers come distribution time!

Book Wishlists

These have been repopulated and can buy books. Will promote again and make sure is clear that can buy via a bookshop rather than Amazon if people wish.

Visibility

Trying to make FoBs more visible. Will try to have tables once or twice every half term at pick up with sign up sheets and opportunity for people to connect with us and chat.

Some plans to have a banner about what we are. Planning a welly swap (possibly also waterproofs) – could have a donation box also.

Have had some issues getting class reps – may help with this. Emma needs a point of contact per class – they could then divide the different parts amongst themselves.

Grounds Committee

Once every half term do a litter pick, weeding, general tidy. A separate whatsapp group for this but will make sure to promote it generally also. Usually a Sat am – date to come.

Cake Sales

Hoping to bring these back from next term

EcoKids

Having a clothes collection via this company. Every child will take home a bag and there will be a collection of the items on the 9th November. Will be weighed and paid accordingly.

Question was asked about the ink bin – there had been a problem with the foxes scent marking this and has been removed. We will think on if still possible to do somehow. Also whether pens are collected at school still – Miss Whittington in Owls.

Zoom Account

Still need to keep so have for AGM, then will review if needed. JJ needs to invoice FoBs for this.

AOB

MB – will there be events like Quiz Night, Burhill Ball?

Looking at running Quiz in January

No current plans for ball in the next year – thinking of looking at 2023. JJ suggested every other year probably sensible as expensive and a big organisational task.

Needs a committee – SdA and ELB happy to be on that

MB – thinks would be useful to know what we are fundraising for?

There were lots of things agreed like minibus but COVID took its toll and lots of projects on hold. GA will have a wish list and this will be communicated.

Last year spent more than we raised – raised £20K, spent £30k.

ELB suggested when promoting things useful to say where the money is going.

SdA – asked about Dad's WA and Facebook pages – these were set up, not sure there is much activity though

Next meeting is AGM on 7th October at 7pm