

FoBS Meeting Minutes 14th Jan 2021

Present

Fiona Fry, Jamie Ewan, James Johnson, Sarah Bax, Katie Lister, Lyndsey Smith, Alison Kelly, Vitalija Degli Effeti, Emma Cairns, Sarah HK, Ben Melham, Melanie Bradley, Gaynor Arnold, Jen Dady, Jo Turner, Candice Dolby, Samira De Rijk-Ali, Richard Leavey-Bell

Apologies from Mrs Adams – meeting clash, will feed back to her

Thanks for coming from Jamie.

How we can help the school during this difficult time

We are looking to work out how can support both practically (in as safe a manner as possible) and how we can keep spirits up with things for children and families to enjoy. Open to ideas.

Kicked off with Burhill Pet Parade – next up considering Bake Off

Looking at what can do more widely for the school community (as not all on facebook). Thinking about perhaps a weekly/fortnightly treat – first one lined up a magician, will come as link sent to homes.

Looking into the possibility of a wellbeing workshop.

Please send through any ideas to the FOBS email.

Practical – if anyone can help with handing out printed packs and book changes – fortnightly on a Friday so not too many occasions at school.

Other Ideas

Sarah – suggested puppetry workshop, will look into

James – on the bake off can we get people to share recipes as well as pictures.

James – can set up for a quiz over Zoom, proposed date of 5th Feb.

Ben – would be good to have reasons to get the kids out of the house. Perhaps another trail around the village. James suggested we promote geocaching app. Jo - ask people to put sunflowers/yellow flowers in windows (Andie Sears started on facebook). Candice – has also seen idea of painting stars in window

James – how about a sunflower/daffodil competition? Perhaps a bit late for that in terms of sowing (daffodils). Have a think about what is possible to grow now. Perhaps speak to Hershams in Bloom about it. Jo - would they let us put something in their buckets to follow? Fake flowers/Whirligig animals? Emma – make sure have a map to follow, kids love that. Katie with things to tick off

Ben – RSPB birdwatch at end of January – count birds for one hour at end of Jan weekend. Anything with with a social purpose – something that adds, useful. AK – also something similar with butterflies. (RPSB is 29-31 Jan)

Jo – Community/green ideas – do litter picking – encourage people. Loads of litter around the school grounds. Would be nice if could pick the litter. Let's try and encourage people to litter pick. (Fi - school has a load of litter pickers could potentially borrow). Jo suggested stuff may be blowing out of the bins. Post meeting Jen who had to drop off that we could do this as a challenge (collect the most?!)

Fi said that we have historically done litter picks, been hard recently because people can't bring their kids which has led to less people available plus difficulty of being in school grounds. Could do with getting back on it once possible. Jamie and Candice cleared the obvious litter when did xmas trees from that area but is an ongoing thing.

Samira - Food collection and donations for vulnerable families – can we organise anything to supplement this.

James – school as of tomorrow will be providing a pack – do we know what is in it? FOBS will speak to Audrey about whether needs anything to be added to it. Try to make the packs better. Lots of families struggling and think whether we can help in any way with donations

Jo – has everyone got devices that needs them. Jamie – school have sorted this.

James asked about WIFI – are there families without that we could assist with. Can buy boxes that use the 4G signal, mobile data dongle. School may have a feel for this after first week of remote learning as to who is having issues

Alison – Heathside did a wellbeing evening, mindfulness teacher, sleep consultant – type of thing could do over zoom? Anything to help with the current stress could be helpful. Alison will look into the person she knows who does.

Jo asked if there is anything on parentkind – nothing in recent emails but we will investigate what they have on the website.

Feedback to teachers – how can we say thank you for the amazing remote offering

Last week – a group of parents made a donation, donuts and a big thank you delivered. Maybe we could do some more similar things. Put on facebook, lots of people said would be interested to do. Can perhaps set up a fund for the teachers to get some treats going in

Alison – school have adapted everything so well and so quickly at every stage

Ink cartridge recycling

We are all printing off lots! Ink Bin recycle ink cartridges. For HP and Canon cartridges they will give money to the school. Comms gone on facebook and to class reps – will set up drop off point at school when safe to do so. Will be a box outside. Make sure doesn't go to landfill and hopefully raise a little bit of money

Setting up a Fireworks committee

Looking forward to the autumn and thinking hopefully that if we could do (though very conscious it might not be possible). Think we should plan as if could be – so need to set up a committee. Fireworks booked for last November and have been rolled forward. Looking for anyone keen to be involved. Will put out a call on all the different comms channels. Sarah has the documentation from Jenny Ashmead who was involved in organising the last one and this is in our files.

Suggestion that when people pay for tickets that we offer option to overpay perhaps (Like with elfridges – people had the option to pay extra for other people). We will continue to have initiatives like this going forward.

AOB

James asked about the playground sub committee – is this going forward. Lisa Winn knows about grant awarded. Ask Lisa to get set something up. (was going to be set up with Mrs Adams). Lisa has secured additional funding to finish the border at the side of school. Spent a whole weekend replanting the cygnets garden. Beavering away in the background securing grants. Understands the system. Katie - £3600 coming our way from her latest application

Fi – can we get the ok for paying for magician £120. No Objections. Going forward will look for other things to do

Jo – wondered if we could ask local business for discounts? Some might be interesting in getting extra revenue? Thinking at raffle time was that with local business having lost a lot of money it wasn't a good time to ask for free stuff/discounts. Something to think about whether doable. Would need someone to go around and ask the businesses if we felt appropriate to do.

James – asked if anything we can do for kids having birthdays in lockdown. Ask teachers to acknowledge. Generally teachers are pretty aware of it but we will have a think about whether anything else can do.

Fiona said that might need volunteers to look at following up on some of the suggestions as quite a bit. A small core team with a lot going on with remote schooling, work and FOBS!

Things to follow up:

- Speaking to Hershams in Bloom
- Creating another trail
- Speak to Audrey re anything needed for vulnerable families (Fiona/Jamie)
- WIFI booster boxes
- Potential requests for local business discounts (if decide appropriate)
- Try to get a fireworks committee in place
- Litter picking initiative
- Grow something competition
- Promote RPSB Birdwatch at end of Jan (and look for anything else similar to this)
- Quiz (James)
- Setting up fund for teacher treats (Katie will action)

Next meeting is February 25th at 7.45pm