



FoBS meeting 14.01.22

Present: Katie Lister, Fi Whishaw, Trilby Fox-Rumley, Jen Dady, Sarah Bax, Becky Sheen, Samira Ali, Gemma Adams, Ella Leavey-Bell, Katie Brown.

Apologies: James Johnson, Emma Cairns, Jo Hammett, Lyndsey Smith-Crusafon, Charlene Beresford, Kim Underwood, Jo Hurford.

1. Minibus progress update

No update, GA says to hold off for now as there's a lot going on with curriculum changes, plus this has to be agreed by chief accountant. Close of books end of Jan. FoBS funds to be put aside for when required.

2. Quiz

Reschedule due to current Covid numbers. Will aim for March, pencilled in the 25th.

3. Ball update

Samira made a start looking at venues, discussed other venues as well. Potentially back at Burhill Golf Club. Samira can't head a ball committee as lots of work on but happy to be on the committee and lend a hand where needed.

Get a ball committee recruitment shout out on WhatsApp and newsletter.

4. Krispy Kreme

Plan another sale - Tie in with Valentine's Day! With KL & TF-R to plan date in.

5. Teacher treats

No money left in bank. Will remind people around end of term. Xmas staff party will be rescheduled later in the spring but not fixed yet. Staff loved egg hunt last year with the pizza van. Will plan this for end of spring term. Start fund raising for then.

6. Platinum Jubilee celebrations

Queen's Green Canopy – plant a tree, with plaque, jointly funded by FOBS and school. GA already in talks with supplier re trees.

GA suggested a family picnic/street party style event after school, on school grounds for pupils and families.

FOBS could provide drinks, do we want to use as fund raising opportunity, to discuss.

Cake competition, year groups/age groups.

Initially Thursday 26th was proposed, although year 5 only back from residential that day.

Decided to go for the week before; Friday 20th May.

Committee to give some thought as to what else could be included as part of the event.

7. Mother's Day ideas

Flowers for Mother's Day? – EL-B suggested we get in touch with independent florist Wild Alice. GA not sure if Early Years team are doing Mother's Day baskets - Ella to share contact details of Wild Alice with EY team.

Another options for flowers or baskets is Woodlark Nurseries who have kindly provided flowers, tubs etc to brighten up the playground in the past.

The Hug in a Mug last year was a lot of work for fairly minimal return. Committee to find something that is less laborious that is still affordable for the kids to be involved in.

Mother's day hamper raffle was well received last year, will run this again.

8. Request from Mrs Brown

Mrs Brown is the Reading & Phonics lead at Burhill. The government recently launched a new phonics programme called Little Wandle Letters and Sounds. School would like more resources and incentives to encourage ALL pupils to develop a love of reading.

First request for FoBs funding is to purchase a book vending machine. The machine will be stocked with books from the current ongoing Amazon wishlist.

One vending machine to start with, c £2,000 personalised, accessible to all years, with age-appropriate books.

Second request for funding is in relation to the storage of the new Little Wandle books. 6 books correlate to one week of learning. Now need storage, not just the books but the flash cards as well. The storage needs to be easily accessible for teachers to use so they can maximise time learning not sorting/organizing resources.

Wallets will keep the books in good condition, well-organised and easily accessible.

KB to submit formal request for funds with costs and full details of what the funds would provide.

9. Any other business

Cake sales – keen to restart. Start with Year 1, to run once a month on a Friday at pick up. 2 tables, one at flagpole one at Children's Centre entrance. Will co-ordinate with Emma Cairns, class rep link.

EL-B: Christmas costumes / jumpers swap shop. Might be an idea to do it around now as people often have a clear out at this time of year. Problem of storage was raised though as these kinds of items cannot be stored in FOBS shed for that length of time. Committee will consider if there are any other storage options, otherwise will have to wait until nearer the time. But must make sure it is communicated in plenty of time in advance of Christmas.

Uniform sale – at the beginning of Feb to clear out extra stock. Becky Sheen to send a request for volunteers.