

FOBS Meeting - 01.11.2021

Present: Kirstie Floyd- Walker, Danni Bickle, Kylie Emson, Angie Scullion, Rose Pritchard, Lyndsay Burder, Steff Southcott, Helen Proctor, Ali Lane.

Apologies: Jo Pritchard, Jackie Butler, Helen Boucher, Emma Watson

Opened and discussed that the purpose of this meeting was to discuss fundraising events that will take place this term, specifically in the build up to Christmas.

Rudolph Christmas cards - Jo offered before the meeting to take charge of collecting the cards and sending them off. Deadline 2.11.21

Christmas table decorations evening and kits - Previously discussed at the AGM and it was decided to go ahead with the 14.12.21 at 7.30pm. Rose will book the Methodist Church. Ali and Kirstie offered to take charge of tickets, advertising and to liaise with Jo and her mum about kits and ready made decorations.

Christmas Fair

A Christmas fair instead of the annual party was discussed. Suggested because it would take place outside and be safer and less likely to meet restrictions because of Covid 19. Name suggested was Nativity rocks the playground.

Different options were discussed, it was decided to keep it simple. We will offer hot chocolate (with or without Baileys), mulled wine, mince pies and biscuits, a visit to see Santa and a raffle. We will charge £2 for a ticket to see Santa (inc gift) and charge for refreshments. Rose offered the use of a soup kettle/slow cooker.

It was also suggested that it would be nice to have a gingerbread man decorating station, with pre-made biscuits and tubes of icing to be charged at 50p per biscuit. Rose offered to speak to a friend about sourcing the gingerbread men and Helen offered to get the mince pies from Lidl.

This will take place after the Christmas play on Monday 13th December. Due to the majority of the parents present having children that will be taking part in the play the difficulties in setting up this event were discussed. Angie suggested she may be able to help after she has collected Mary. Other names suggested that may potentially be able to help were Mel, Jo and Jude.

The question of the practicalities of setting up while the KS2 children were still at school was also discussed. Helen offered to email Mr Hill and ask about how we could achieve this and whether it would be possible for the Barn owls class to help or whether we would be able to set up before the play. Also to ask about the use of the Owlets classroom for the Santa visits. Helen also offered to ask Amy Lammas

whether her dad would be willing to be Santa again this year. It was discussed that Terry Pritchard and Gideon Pritchard had also previously been Santa but Rose said that they would prefer to be a last resort.

Rose offered to take charge of setting up the raffle and will liaise with Jo and Lyndsay regarding any raffle prizes we may already have available as well as books of raffle tickets.

Helen offered to create a Christmas music playlist and bring a bluetooth speaker for the event and to sort out the tickets for visiting Santa.

Ali offered to arrange purchasing the gifts for this event and to combine this with purchasing the gifts for the school Christmas dinner. Ali will speak to Hazel and find out the number of children that are at school.

Wildlife Packs

This idea was suggested at the AGM and it was discussed that as the school has partnered with the Devon wildlife trust something nature based would be a good idea. We will discuss further at the next meeting.

Big PTA Christmas Raffle

It was decided that we would do this again this year. Ali offered to take charge of this and set it up.

Teacher Requests

Rose said that she had spoken with the class teachers about specific requests they had for their classrooms.

Owlets - rug

Tawny Owls - unsure

Snowy Owls - plants and watering cans

Barn Owls - beanbags

Agreed to give each class a budget of £50 and the teachers could source what they needed.

Contactless Card Machine

The idea of FOBS having a contactless card machine for future events was discussed and decided that this would be a worthwhile investment. Ali is going to speak to Jo regarding this as Jo previously did research to obtain one for the cricket club.

Bird Feeders/ Fat Balls

This was an idea also discussed at the AGM, Helen did some research into different methods and found some options and costs for the supplies. It was decided that we will revisit this idea in the new year.

200 Club

Angie raised this as a potential fundraising idea, Rose informed us that there already was one in the village so it was decided that we would not pursue this idea.

Halloween 2022

Danni suggested that we could have a stall selling toffee apples (but covered in chocolate) for next halloween.

Break the rules day

Helen suggested this as a possible future fundraising idea.

Barn Dance

At the AGM it was suggested that we could have a barn dance in February instead of the Christmas party so that this would be inclusive of all families and would hopefully be a better time with regards to Covid 19. The date suggested for this is 19th February and it will be discussed at the next meeting. Kirtsie is going to speak to Rachel Dewsbery about this.

Ladies Night

Lyndsay suggested a ladies night. It was discussed that we would need to source male volunteers to run the bar so that all the ladies can enjoy the event. Lyndsay and Ali are going to look into this. The suggested date is 5th February so that it does not coincide with lambing season and we will hopefully get more uptake from the community.

World Cup

It was suggested that we do something to coincide with next years world cup, this will be discussed at a future meeting

Calendar for the kids

This was suggested as an idea for next Christmas, a calendar with photos of the children for each month.

School Photos

Danni made a suggestion based on a previous conversation with Karen, The school photos are always expensive and very rarely turn out how parents would like them. The idea was the FOBS or someone we hire (Milly Davies was suggested) take

candid natural shots of the children and that FOBS sell the prints. Danni will look into this further for next year.

160th anniversary of the school

Kirstie suggested that it would be nice to do something to celebrate this in June or July next year. It was suggested that it would be worth putting a request in the BASE for people's memories and photos of/ from the school. This will be discussed further in the new year.

FOBS Social

The FOBS social had originally been planned for 12th November. Due to lots of people not being able to make this date it was decided that we would postpone this in favour of ladies night in February.

Newsletter

Kirstie is going to email Hazel to include information on the table decoration making event and with a link to the FOBS facebook group and making people aware of the messenger group chat.

Next Meeting

The next meeting date has been set for 10th January 2022