

## FOBS Meeting Friday 8<sup>th</sup> November 2019

Present: DC (Chair), GB (Vice-Chair), MB (Head Teacher), SH (Treasurer), SM (Class rep co-ordinator), LH (Chair of Governor), JP  
Apologies: GC, AA, LF

### Welcome

DC gave a warm welcome and provided hot drinks and cakes for everyone!  
**ACTION: Parents - Come to the meeting if you can, you're missing out!**

### Matters arising from the Minutes

All actions from previous minutes from 27<sup>th</sup> September completed. Ideally we should have Y1/Y2 cake sale this term then a Y3 cake sale in term 3 etc. **ACTION: Y1/Y2 Class reps to organise a cake sale.**

GB confirmed that the 2 Y5 Class reps are MP and JH.

### Treasurers Report

SH reported that FOBS had £10,040 in the bank. The garden payment has been made and most of the CVC money is now in so we are in a healthy position to continue to subsidise class trips and pay for Arts Week plus any other projects.

The accounts have now been examined and signed off. The accounts will be presented at our AGM which will be our next meeting.

The FOBS committee authorised a £40 voucher as a thank you to the person who audited the accounts. **ACTION: SH**

### Secretary and volunteers for school garden

MB (Headteacher) is doing the minutes in the absence of any volunteers.

One parent has volunteered to help with the school garden which is good news. The gardening club will not run now again until term 4 but there is always a bit of weeding to do. Mrs Dunford will be taking over the school gardening club from Mrs Newman.

**ACTION: Any other volunteers for the school garden to contact Mrs Brockway or Mrs Dunford.**

### Your School Lottery

The school lottery is going well although we could do with more members so that there are bigger prizes and more funds raised by FOBS. Winners need to click on the link in the winners email to get their prize money. DC has contacted the Broad Sheet about publicising the School Lottery but it hasn't appeared yet.

After the meeting MB was given more information about Your School Lottery from HAB. Last month it raised £47.60 and this month it is up to £88.40 raising a total of £129.20 in 2 months. However, we only have 35 supporters so we need to get the word out there and involve the local community. The current projection for the annual fund is £1123.20. **ACTION: HAB to promote in Bowerchalke local newsletter.**

### Stamptastic

MB suggested this as a fundraiser. It's an easy way for parents to label children's belongings with a stamper and school gets commission. **ACTION: SH to set up and FOBS to publicise.**

### **Easyfundraising**

MB reminded the committee about Easyfundraising which has so far raised £687.56 for FOBS with 41 supporters. Large companies have to give charitable donations. People just need to register and if using a laptop a reminder comes up. Large donations can be made if people use easy fundraising when they change energy supplier or book a holiday and it doesn't cost them anything! **ACTION: JP and DC to liaise over how to promote this.**

### **CVC Feedback**

Fundraising from the CVC was £3500 which is fantastic! Well done everybody and huge thanks to the CVC committee, helpers and runners! DC reported that there has already been feedback to the CVC committee both on the day and by email. The feedback has generally been very positive although there were bound to be a few teething issues with a new committee running the event with new volunteers but overall it was a great success and we hope that there will be a CVC in 2020! The cakes on the day raised £233 plus £26.50 on the Monday at school.

Suggestions by FOBS members to the CVC committee:

1. Next year please can a marshal be on the corner by Knighton Road as 1 child (not a BC pupil) went wrong but it was all sorted out and the child won 2 prizes.
2. Next year please can the race organiser wear a tabard saying RACE ORGANISER to make it obvious who to contact with any queries.
3. Next year please can the CVC consider electronic time tagging unless cost is prohibitive as there were a few queries over race times and race places.
4. Next year please can there be a water station at the finish line.

**ACTION: MB to pass these suggestions on to Race Director**

### **FOBS Current Spending Plans**

School trips – contributions of 20% from FOBS are on-going. Families are told about help with trips as standard on all trip / events letters. The governors are still considering the possibility of building changing rooms and this could be a project for FOBS. **ACTION: MB to update FOBS when more information available.**

### **Class Hampers and Grand Draw**

The tickets have been ordered and 2 books per family will be sent out. We all agreed that the colour idea worked best as it gave more flexibility for giving and more variety for the person who wins the hamper. Hamper Draw in assembly on **13/12/19**.

Reception class silver hamper

Class 1 red and green hamper

Class 2 white and sparkly hamper

Class 3 gold hamper

Class 4 green hamper

Class 5 purple hamper

Class 6 red hamper

**ACTION: SH to source hampers.**

**SM to contact class reps to explain what is needed.**

**MB to write a letter to go out to parents with draw tickets attached.**

**Class reps to provide cardboard box, monitor/ encourage donations and get hampers ready by Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> December.**

**JL to do return after the event.**

### **Christmas presents**

All agreed FOBS to fund £2 per child. Instructions are no names unless a specific present due to food allergies / intolerances/ different coloured wrapping paper for boys / girls if gift is gender specific. Presents need to be in school before party day on Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> December and stored upstairs. **ACTION: SM to contact class reps to explain what is needed.**

### **Nativity Play refreshments**

We are aware that this date clashes with Lantern Parade and General Election but we can't change it. There was a discussion about inviting the village community in for the Nativity. We already invite the Happy Circle to the dress rehearsal on the Wednesday but there may be other groups who are interested.

We discussed serving teas and mince pies in the afternoon and wine and mince pies in the evening. We already have tea, coffee and juice.

**ACTION: MB to contact the lady who runs the Happy Circle for the Wednesday dress rehearsal and another group who meet in the hub on Thursdays and invite them to the Thursday performance.**

**JP offered to help at dress rehearsal with refreshments for elderly visitors.**

**JP offered to see if more elderly residents wanted to come along to the dress rehearsal.**

**DC to get alcohol licence and organise hot drinks.**

**SM to source mince pies.**

**SM's husband to source red wine.**

**SM to appeal to parents to help with refreshments and selling draw tickets for hampers.**

### **Tea Towels**

SH and AA provided the teachers with all the equipment and instructions and have been working hard on this project, reducing the faces down to fit them all on one tea towel. The tea towels will have the FOBS logo this time instead of the school logo and a border of little people. This will make it look different to the previous tea towel. We decided to order 300 on natural rather than bleached cotton and to charge the same as last time. **ACTION: SH to send off the art work ASAP, then check the proof, order 300 and send out an order form.**

### **Any other business**

**DC and GB to do a stock take.**

**Other ideas for fundraisers to be considered at next meeting – Barn Dance for families and Cream Tea for community / grandparents.**

**Date of next meeting:** AGM on Friday 6<sup>th</sup> December 1.30pm School Library followed by a normal FOBS meeting the same afternoon.

PLEASE NOTE – When it is an AGM we need twice as many members as committee members to be quorate. We have 4 committee members so need at least 8 other people. If possible, please can class reps come along and anyone else who is interested.