Fowsa Meeting (zoom)

Monday 27th September 2021

Attendees: Claire Cowling, Melissa Wylie, Michelle Blake, Suz Prior-Crossan, Laura Corrigan, Eleanor Shawcross, Vicky Connelly, Jamie, Miriam Jones.

Apologies – Alex Brettel and Sharon Turley.

Agenda topic – Current topics and Fundraising ideas for the remainder of the year.

Claire:

Welcome to new members (Laura, Jamie and Miriam)

**Accounts:**

* Our account currently looks healthy.
* Trim trail: 10k earmarked for trim trail which is currently stalled due to original company increasing their price by 5k. Jason is now actively searching for alternative companies.
* We don’t believe there’s a time limit on the £10k donation.
* Espresso: Final ‘Espresso’ payment due now (3k?)
* Tesco have given us 1K towards the planting of trees in the school to help provide shade.

**Ofsted:**

* Woodlands are due a visit (pre covid this should have happened between Jan – Easter 2020).
* Claire has informed Keith that Fowsa may be able to help fund anything small to help with the visit.

**Noticeboard:**

* Agreed we should try to improve event awareness with noticeboards sited at Wicks Lane and Woodlands Road entrances.

*Action: Michelle to search for reasonably priced boards.*

Fundraising Ideas

Group agreed to explore the following ideas:

* Christmas Movie Night: To be ran over 2 nights (one for younger, one for older kids). 100 kids max each night. £5 per head (with a discount applied for multiple siblings).

Actions – Agree/discuss movie titles, refreshments, start times, volunteers.

*Dates - Friday 26th November & Friday 3rd December 2021.*

* Non-Uniform day: Agreed we should just stick with one non uniform day. Children to bring in chocolate/bottles.

*Date - Friday 21st October 2021*.

* Secret Santa: Agreed to replicate last years format. Streamline the choices, event won’t be connected to a non-uniform day, separate siblings, pre-wrap as much as possible etc.

Actions- Agree/discuss present ideas, costings, flyer.

*Date- Monday 6th December 2021*

* Tombola event: In lieu of our Christmas fair, 3 tombolas (chocolate, bottle & teddies) ran on one afternoon in the playground. Potential for a Christmas grotto to be attached. Pricing and date TBC

*Action – Claire to pick up with Sharon Turley to discuss Grotto ideas.*

* Christmas Mugs: Rather than our usual ‘children designed’ Christmas cards, the idea was proposed we could look at alternatives e.g decorated mugs or baubles. Group agreed it would be nice to do something a little different so long as it didn’t lose us any money.

*Action – Jaimie to approach Sarah (from China butterfly) to gauge interest in helping facilitate and to understand costing.*

**Sidenote:**

A big part of the discussion was about being mindful of parents’ budgets and the constraints that come during the Christmas run up.

Ongoing considerations for the above include the number of events we run, cost of events and the inclusion of all children where possible.