

FOSS Meeting

22.05.23

Attendees:

Georgie Pettit, Christa Mahana, Catherine Harder, Katie Haigh, Maxine McGowan, Humphrey Bacchus, Andrea Hawthorne, Jilly Drywood , Amy Otlet and Etti Righton

Agenda Items:

Core Team

Update and Target

Upcoming Events

Future Fundraising and Activities

AOB

Core Team

CH is standing down as treasurer and will be meeting with CM on Wednesday to hand over.
Welcome to the team Christa!

Update and Target

Our yearly target for the school is £7775; approximately £100 per child.

We have so far raised £2858.

We need to raise a further £1700 to cover costs.

We are predicting a further £3220 in fundraising from the upcoming events.

This money is spent on items for our school including (costs approximate):

- Subsidising coach costs of school trips (£1000)
- Music lessons (£6000)
- Spell Shed and Mathletics (£575)
- Text messaging service App (£200)

And this year has also included:

- Christmas puddings
- Ice creams for school leavers
- New benches for the orchard
- Wooden planters
- Playground equipment

So far we have raised £2858 through the following events:

- Film Nights (£250)
- Bonfire Night (£654)
- Bake Sales (£200)
- Direct Debits (£495)
- Wreath Making (£405)
- School disco including photos (£494)
- Non-uniform days (£72)
- Pub Quiz (£94)
- Miscellaneous (£194)

Upcoming Fundraising

June - Push Up Challenge - Luca (Eagles) is leading a push up challenge whereby children pledge to do a number of push-ups each day throughout June and see their progress and request sponsorship. It would be great to have a little incentive to capture the children's imagination; suggestions include: t shirts; sweat bands; family points awarded at sports day.

June - Pre-loved sale - Good quality clothing for great value and a chance to catch up over a drink. This made £400 last year and we hope to make more this year as we have some good quality stock. **JD** to share info about this with shambles market group on Facebook to generate interest.

June - School Photos - CH to take portrait photos of each child with proceeds donated to FOSS.

June - Pub Quiz? - **CH** to speak to Bart about whether he would be keen to do this again. Last time it was held it snowed and so the take-up was limited, but this could be a really successful and fun event.

July - Jumble sale/book swap? - the children loved this last year and it would be lovely to hold it again.

July - Ice lollies - we will limit this to 2 Fridays during the summer term and give plenty of notice so that people can provide alternatives.

July/August - Sponsored Read - To encourage children to read over the summer holidays and raise some money for FOSS. It would be great to have reading challenges set and a thermometer design on a bookmark so that children can colour in their progress. Perhaps some certificates can be awarded at celebration assembly, **ER** to discuss with Caroline.

Direct Debits

Direct Debits currently gift £75 each month to FOSS, raising £495 so far. This is a really helpful way for people who are able to contribute.

Future Fundraising and Activities

It would be wonderful to have a big, sociable fundraising event in September. The Promises Auction is a great idea, but to make it the best it can be it would be ideal to have a group dedicated to this. Core members will of course offer any support needed, but the event would really benefit from a dedicated group who are not distracted by the other events and activities.

It would be really good to raise money from outside the school parent body, and for fundraising to reach the wider community.

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Communication

HB has found that when trying to communicate and involve people via the WhatsApp group, the messages seem to get lost and there are few responses. There may be better ways to communicate with the wider group. **ER** and the core group to try to make better use of the notice boards, and where appropriate ask Caroline to send letters/emails.

Shortfall

Depending on how the upcoming fundraising events go, it is possible that there will be a shortfall in funds. If this becomes apparent, treasurer (**CH** or **CM**) to send message to the

wider FOSS group with the amount that we are short and invite anyone to fundraise or donate and this will hopefully help to balance the accounts.

Next meeting TBC