***Meeting minutes for Wednesday 14th October 2020, 7.00pm – 8.30pm via Zoom***

***Present- Briony Hosford, Fiona Orr, Gadget, Dan Hunwick, Caroline Hubbuck, Louise Barter, Katie Priestley, Hannah Foley (Betty & Laura Evans-for initial 10 minutes)***

1. **Apologies for Absence –** Sharon Brown
2. **Review of minutes of last meeting** and approval of the same- shown briefly. CHu emailed out approval received from Briony Hosford & seconded by Gadget.
3. **Treasurer’s Summary of finances**

* PYO- Blueberries- £75- Thank you to Katie Priestley and family
* School uniform £6
* Current financial position- £5,479

Betty Evans had been asked to join the meeting by Dan Hunwick so that she could be thanked for her for her amazing fundraising contributions to FOPS and to find out her ideas for what the money raised could be spent on.

Betty raised £400 by making and selling cakes, biscuits during the summer term, fantastic. Katie highlighted that this was the second biggest fundraising amount after Carols around the village, which takes a lot of people to organise and run. Katie said that Betty should feel very proud of her achievements. On top of this Betty has got a further £330 from the Waitrose community fund. The application was to get money to provide a water sphere/ feature on the reflection trail. Something Mrs Roberts was keen to have in place. Then once decided upon we should send a photo to let Waitrose know what we have bought.

Betty’s idea for spending was a bird hide (top left corner as you look up from the school) where the children could use binoculars to look at birds and have bird and animal books to help identify what they see. Fiona suggested that RSPB, if approached, may support the funding/ provide a display board of birds that may be seen.

A massive thank you from FOPS to Betty for her fantastic fund raising and particularly at a time when no events were going on to raise funds. Amazing.

1. **Fund requests**

Breadsticks agreed a few weeks ago

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M&M productions to come

1. **Summary of actions arising from last meeting:**

Store cupboard tidied but boxes not purchased. This to be looked at again once it is safe to have parents on site.

1. **Fundraising Events Updates:**

* **Christmas planning** – No Carols around the village as has been previously. Still aiming to do -where in the world is Santa, jingle jars & raffle for parents. Jingle jars would need 72 hours left untouched. Raffle- Possible one main food hamper, bottle of wine, chocolates or meal out for two etc. Donations need to be sought from local companies. Children to possibly bring in £5 to cover all activities.
* **Happy school bags**- textiles to be collected and 65p per kg comes back to school. The bags will take clothes, shoes, towels etc. If you have 4 collections then they will do the 65p rate. Village hall possible collection site.
* **Bingo-** This idea to be left for pre-school
* **Books at bedtime**- possibly to use Osbourne books sponsored event and join with pre-school.
* **Mothers day gifts**- all children to do a sketch and then these are put onto a cloth shopping bag that can be purchased.
* **Virtual School disco**- April- may be possible to have virtual school disco- this would need to be looked at nearer the time.
* **Movie night** – possibly in classrooms staying in class bubbles. Be aware of work on staff.
* **Fathers day**- possibly mugs/ keyrings.

Mr Hunwick thought some of the craft activities could be supported by staff if they have enough time to get

them planned in.

* **Amazon Smile**- Fiona has set up Amazon Smile
* **An idea- Bronze bottles-** families to collect their 2p & 1p coins and then money goes to FOPS
* **Second hand school uniform**- Katie to look at on-line selling of uniform- uniformly (Link sent by Nicky) or PTA group we subscribe to also does online uniform sales. Katie to compare the two.
* **This years Fundraising aims-**Storage area (similar to year 4’s) outside classrooms for outdoor education equipment- easy access for classes, keep it from being weathered/ damaged, save equipment having to be collected from across school. For Yr1, 2 & 3.

**Mr Hunwick to send photos to Gadget of existing storage shed- Gadget to talk to parents to see if we have the skills amongst parents to build these.**

* 2 trips a year per class
* M&M production- new format of working
* Possibilities – Times Tables Rock Stars, Safewise membership, life Education Van- some of this may come out of school funds.
* Planting for reflection trail

1. **Imminent fundraising events:**

* Christmas cards- The card designs should be sent off this week and then should be back to go out in book bags after half term for people to then place orders.
* Rotary Raffle tickets- 1 book of tickets per child. Not wanting to put pressure on families. Janet to possibly hold any spare books.
* Quiz Night- End of November (Friday night)- Jamie Edwards has kindly agreed to hosting one of his fantastic virtual quizzes, he is just asking for input on questions. Discussed possible take away options for food. Decided just to go with tickets to enter £2.50 to enter and people to donate more if they wish. Discussed forming virtual groups but not sure whether this would work or suit everyone’s technical knowledge.
* Payments to FOPs- Discussion- handling of cash not ideal due to increased footfall into school with COVID. Idea- when people make a BACS payment to enable tracking- each event to have a number, then year group (e.g. YR) and child’s initials. Possibly families could then email to confirm they have made payment.

1. **Any Other Business**

* Waste reduction at school, in lunch boxes and at home- Ashley approached Fiona about this and suggested a advent calendar. Mr Hunwick is keen to continue the reverse advent and suggested Lent as a time for plastic reduction challenges to be given. This would allow the Eco team at school to actively and purposefully be involved in this. Ellie Harper had also talked about recycling and so may be another person to talk to about this. Ellie has recommended Terracycle.

Collection of food waste from hot school meals to be looked at in time to go to Anaerobic digestion plant.

* Fiona suggested having a postcard made which has a drawing from a child in school and the school logo as a way to say thank you to people who help us. Only buy a small number so we can update the photo each year.

1. **Date & time of next meeting**

Wednesday 13th January 7pm.

*Fiona Orr & Briony Hosford*

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