FOSG Meeting 28/01/2021 Minutes

**Attendees:**

Kate Witkiss Tracy Hobson Caroline Moses

Tony Storey Claire Rowson Helen Ford

Toni Rowson Emily Robson

**Apologies:**

None received

**Minutes of the last meeting**

No issues raised

**Today’s Meeting**

The aim of the meeting was originally to get together to arrange virtual events and prep for summer event but then lockdown happened. So, we are now looking at very few events so we don’t add pressure to the current situation for parents but keep a presence.

**Ideas to look into now:**

* **Pets Show**- Post photos of your pets or wildlife and school votes for category winners- just for fun- Heather to see if Chorley Vets will provide some small prizes. Kate to think a bit more about how this could look.
* **World Book Day** - 4th March - Kate to message Mr Wilson to see if school doing anything, maybe do something in line with this. A fancy-dress competition on the FB page and write a book review to share on Seesaw for class to see (same age group so shared interest) Prizes provided by FOSG- a book voucher from Ebb n Flo would be ideal (support local)
* Kate to ask about a **virtual book club** again. Previously looked at with Ebb n Flo but due to pandemic it was put to the side.
* **Easter Trail**- On the back of the success of the Halloween trail shall we do an Easter trail. We just need to watch the distance- maybe make a collection of routes – 2 small circuits and parents can choose to do one or both. Kate to see what the interest is. Better weather and a (hopefully) post lockdown event would be nice.

**Main Event 2021:** This is with the aim of planning a summer event then if we get the green light we will be ready to go at short notice.

* Camp out is a keen idea 3rd July. Try to stick to it but don’t tell kids. Emily and Helen to lead.
* BBQ
* Fire pit for marshmallows
* Hot/cold drinks - Adults can bring own alcohol
* Tuck shop
* Tents- own tents – can we source for those who don’t have a tent? Scouts etc?

It was discussed to plan for a fair and then camp out overnight but it was decided two events might encroach on each other plus it is a lot for the organisers in one day.

* **Festival idea**- bit of music, activities for kids, some food and then those who want to camp can. Mini fair/ carnival style as an evening event and those who wish to camp can (combine the events).

Campers pay an All-inclusive ticket – camping, breakfast etc.

Access to the hall and kitchen (if the main body of the school can be locked) would be ideal – We could lock the hall at 11pm for security and get sponsorship for port-a-loos for overnight campers (1x75 Females and 1x 75 males).

Need a TENS

Kate to talk to Mr D about 3rd July to put in his diary as a provisional date.

Look into this idea, make enquires but final confirmation to be made at the end of May - no action/ deposits until this date so we don’t repeat St Patricks day 2020.

**Possible future ideas:**

* **Cinema**- pop up outside cinema- doesn’t go dark until late, cost, licence and viewing quality but something to look into. Maybe a September event.
* **Kids ‘tough mudder’ style inflatable**- sponsored event- Holy Cross field or Astley Park- keep it in the pipeline for future event. Adults may like notice to get fit and join in.
* **Colour run** – future event. May 2022- remove bog eye jog that year. Kate has all risk assessments and plans from May 2020 plans.

**No finance update**

Kate to hand over monies to Tony. Positive about last terms profit thanks to Bog-Eyed Bog and Christmas raffle.

Waiting on Cheques from ‘Go Fund’ and ‘bags2school’

**AOB**

The question was asked about the Christmas Tree sale success. Kate confirmed we sell 15-17 trees a year and make about £200. It is a very easy event to run for us. Due to real trees being very popular this year possibly only offer one day next year for collection **and** delivery. Collection dates had to be brought forward this year to ensure stock and quality to those who had already paid vis FOSG.

**Next Meeting**

TBC but we will keep in touch on messenger