**Minutes of Fobs meeting on Thursday 30th November 2020**

Present: Apologies:

Alex McAlpine Callie Hursthouse Sarah Dudley Suzanne Bantel Rachel Earl Marion Barton Jo Venables Caroline Auld Vicki Sales Olive De Rozario Sarah Bird Sharon Buckley Linda Lovelock Emily Holbrook Ash Low Carla Benjamin Talitha Frohn Samantha Perry Lynsey Stiff

**Introductions**

Sarah Bird is the class rep for year 6. Lynsey stiff will be the Fobs/teacher liaison.

**Minutes Approved** Minutes approved from meeting on 3rd November 2020. All past minutes can be found on PTA events.

**Financial Update**

£210.00 School lottery for November (includes winnings that were donated back to Fobs) £26.00 Christmas crafts (10% from sales) £116.00 Fab Bricks £630.00 Happy bags £155.00 Virtual balloon race (includes winnings that were donate back to Fobs) £100.00 Doorstep Christmas photo’s

Updated fundraising total is £4000 from September until now. £2600 was raised by Fobs and £1400 was donated by the Co Op.

**Feedback**

School lottery - With 100 players it is predicted to make £2080 per year.

Christmas Cards – All orders completed and sent home. Only 3 orders had to be redone where the design hadn’t printed out correctly – not central. These were replaced by the company. The overall profit was £630.

Christmas crafts – 10% (£26) of sales was given to Fobs. Although not a big money maker for Fobs it supported a local business with no outgoing costs for Fobs. The quality and lovely presentation of the craft packs received very good feedback from parents, which has been passed on to Viv.

Fab bricks – The order will be arriving before the end of term. Carla is going to pack them up and deliver them to people at home as some of them may be gifts for Christmas. Any ordered by Fox cubs can be put in their outside drawers as parents have access to these. Miss Stiff has offered to hold onto any orders for Year 4 and 5, if parents want to arrange collection from school instead for these two year groups.

Happy Bags – Next collection will be in March. Need to send out an updated list of what can go in the bags due to Covid restrictions. No soft toys are allowed at the moment. The pick up time will be between 10-11am. The company apologised for the difficulty caused from turning up at drop off time and has confirmed that it wouldn’t happen again.

AGM – The AGM held virtually was a success. We have some new members. The list of job roles has been updated, if anyone wants to change anything then please get in contact.

Virtual Quiz – 18 families took part raising £30, the questions were harder this time around. A survey has been put on PTA events to find out what the preferred time to run the next one is. Fobs are planning to hold a virtual quiz once every half term.

Secret Santa mufti – Good response, parents have been very generous with many donating extra gifts. All classes have enough extra gifts to give the children a good selection to choose from. The gifts have all been of good quality. Any chocolate which contains nuts will be taken out and put in a hamper for the raffle, this is because all the gifts go home wrapped and could therefore be opened by someone with an allergy. Having the collection boxes for each year group set out at the front gate worked well and also made it easier and quicker for collecting them up and loading them straight into cars to take away afterwards.

Christmas doorstep photo’s – These will be completed on Saturday.

**Future Events**

Online shop – Ongoing. Vicki TJ has come off the Fobs committee now if anyone else would like to take over this. In the meantime Rachel and Carla to be administrators on the pre-loved items Facebook page after Sarah D has set it up.

Foreign currency – Ongoing. We need to reach a certain weight before it can be sent off.

Hats, caps and beanies – Ongoing. Two more beanies have been sold (18 in total). Good feedback, soft and comfy, this has been passed on to the company. Another 20 beanies have been ordered. Miss Stiff will let staff members know that the larger size is suitable for adults.

Grants – Ongoing.

Scrunchies – Not many more sold recently.

Nearly new uniform/ Christmas clothing – Any logo’d items are being sold on PTA events and all other items will go on the pre-loved Facebook page. The site has been updated so there are now categories and sub categories to make the site easier to use. Need to check if the app has also been updated. Talitha is storing the spare uniform at the moment. Some Christmas clothing has sold, but we haven’t had much response to the request for donations so will resend request to parents. There is swapping of uniform between parents within classes. We have a lot of smaller sized clothing which may sell at the next car boot sale. Amy Fuller has sent out a request to year 7 parents for any larger size uniform not needed anymore. Fobs can’t store a lot of uniform but will still take in donations of logo’d items.

Bisley Wildlife Calendars – 23 sold so far through Fobs, they can be ordered through the PTA shop.

Secret Santa – Planned for 4th December. Will need to check with Mrs McConnell whether Fobs volunteers will still be able to go into school to do this. £1 donation from children to take part will be collected in the morning at the gates (Sarah D and Linda). Reminder to be sent to parents about paying in advance online, although due to the fees when it is just a £1 many parents prefer to send in the cash instead. As every child gets to choose a gift we don’t need to keep track of who pays at the gate. If raining, gazeebo’s will be set up at 9am, ready for reception classes to be the first at 9:30am. The children will be asked to point at the gift they would like and then a Fobs helper will put a sticker on it to say who it is to/from and a brief decscription of the item in case the sticker comes off. The presents will then be wrapped and labelled and returned to the class for the teacher to hand out at home time. If the weather is too bad for the wrapping to be done outside the gifts will be taken home by volunteers to be wrapped and will be returned to school the following week. If Fobs members aren’t allowed into school we may be able to send a list of items or photo to the class teachers for children to choose from instead and do all the wrapping at home. Any left over items can be kept until Valentines Day or if suitable could be donated to the Christmas food bank run by the school. Then anything not suitable for either of these could be sold at the next car boot sale.

Santa Zoom calls – 32 slots have already been sold between from 3:15pm onwards, none between 2 and 3pm. A reminder to be sent out to year 3 parents as the children are at home isolating they could now book these earlier time slots. A Covid risk assessment has been carried out and as it’s a charity event the Santa zoom calls can be done with a reduced number of volunteers which will be Santa, Jane, Alex and Sarah D. The lighting will be set up beforehand and taken down afterwards to keep the number of people present at anyone time to a minimum.

Christmas Online Raffle – Talitha and Suzanne to organise donations and prizes. 192 tickets have been sold so far, we all need to promote sales of tickets. Sarah D to send out a reminder. Any extra gifts of chocolate which can’t be used for Secret Santa due to containing nuts can be put into a chocolate hamper for the raffle – Linda to make up hamper.

Video Pantomime – Mrs Fisher has booked the Pantomime. Classes will be given the access link and can then watch it in their own classrooms at a time that suits them throughout the week. Mrs McConnell thanked Fobs in the school newsletter for paying for the Pantomime.

Year 6 Leavers hoodies – Sarah B organising. The colour options have been reduced this year, Sarah is going to try and order from the same company as last year as the feedback on the quality of the hoodies was very good. Will try and put order in earlier than usual this year in case there are any delays due to Covid.

Year 6 Leavers books – Ash and Jo B organising. Photo permission slips have already been sent out to year six parents, and a lot have already been returned.

**Time and date of next meeting**

Zoom meeting on Thursday 7th January 2021 at 8pm.

**A.O.B**

A big thank you to everyone for all the support they have given Fobs this term.

Online disco – Could be organised for a Valentine’s disco, Rachel, Marion and Carla to organise. The idea would be to have a disco pack sent home, these could be sold for £3.50 and would include a link to a Spotify play list, sweets or snacks, balloons, prizes, glow sticks etc. Carla has a treasure hunt already set up and ready to go which could be included. The cost per bag to make is about £1.50 or £2.50 if it includes an inflatable. The cost of any printing would be extra. (There are a lot of inflatables and glow sticks already in the shed to be used).

Mother’s Day – Talitha to research gift ideas.