

## FoRS meeting, September 24.

### Attendance:

Miss Kirkman, Rachel G (treasurer), Madz (secretary), Sarah, Elizabeth, Emily, Debbie (chair), Jim, Maxie (co-chair), Ellie, Sam & Mark.

Apologies: Chelsea, Abby & Sally

### Agenda:

- rug for class 1
  - High vis jackets for school trips
  - Pulley cart for school trips
  - Christmas movie night.
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- Staff are going to compile a list of items school need to bring to the FoRS all in one go.
  - Rug for class 1-parked for now as new teachers, carpets and classrooms.
  - High visibility jackets have been bought with the school budget.
  - Pulley cart is going to be bought by FoRS. Madz to look into this.

### Questions from the Headteacher:

- Are the FoRS happy to pay for coach and ice creams for the pantomime as in previous years? **Yes.**
- Can the FoRS do hot drinks (tea/coffee/hot chocolate/squash/mulled wine) and mince pies after the nativity for parents to raise more funds? **Yes.** Rach G to check about mulled wine and whether we can have the church for an extra hour afterwards to cater for hot drinks. Ellie, Elizabeth, Rach G, Sarah and possibly Chelsea (?) & Abby (?) to help.
- Can FoRS get the templates for the Christmas cards? Need to be back early October! Rachel G to check this **ASAP!**
- Unfortunately Mrs Randall will not be doing Christmas baubles this year due to the time constraints. FoRS questioned whether we could still do them another way. Miss Kirkman happy for fingerprints to be done within school and to ask Sally whether she would be happy to complete the baubles for parents to buy.
- FoRS to invoice the school regarding the summer disco. 45 tickets bought, £135.
- Santa gifts to organise. FoRS happy to pay. Ellie and Rachel G sorting.

### Events:

- Pumpkin carving competition for Tuesday 22nd October, to be judged in school and announced on Friday 25th, possibly at the disco. 3.30-4.30, £1 entry. Staff to facilitate the disco. Children to take costumes into school and get ready before teachers take them across. This way no children will miss out due to parents working. Ellie raised the issue of boisterous boys running around and not wanting to dance. Miss Kirkman suggested asking the teachers to plan something 'led' at the staff meeting to minimise the time children could run free. FoRS to get prizes for this?
- Emily to organise a painting pots night again for the parents, November time. Ask Rae to do cakes again?
- Chelsea asked to run a Christmas movie night, watching the polar express in pyjamas, with a hot chocolate and a cookie. Suggested date 6th December to avoid the busier weeks of December. Rach G emailing Town Hall to see about the cinema room. Staff could stay for the first hour and do the same as Halloween disco where children get

changed at school and then go across for the movie. Mark happy to help. Maybe consider hot dogs & popcorn as well as children will be hungry.

- Tie in bake sales with the Halloween disco and the nativity.

### **Any other business?**

- Concerns have been raised by parents on the WhatsApp regarding the change to the food offered at comet club. Miss Kirkman told us that the food isn't limited and there is a good range of foods & that children can eat as much as they like. If parents have a specific issue with their own children and children are going home hungry, then those parents should be advised to contact the school directly as adaptations can be made and provisions can be put in place to ensure that no child is going home hungry. Elizabeth is happy to be a spokesperson on behalf of the parents WhatsApp.
- Another issue was raised with regards to paying £7.50 for the shorter session and late fees. Mrs Randall is going to change the webpage to explain the costs better and Miss Kirkman explained that our comet club isn't run by an external team and therefore we are paying the TA rate, which is hourly, so if you're late for pickup, the TAs caring for our children still need to be paid for the hour, even if it's only 5 minutes late.
- Mark raised that he had noticed that comet club often closes early or gets cancelled at the last minute. Miss Kirkman to take this to Mrs Randall and look at the reasons.
- Current balance is £3899
- Maxie mentioned that Susie from Enchanticas offers schools a show around 'Sustainable Christmas' for schools. Susie can get free coaches through funding and asked if the federation would be interested. Depending on cost per child FoRS may be able to fund the children going.