



## **Friends of Busbridge PTA Meeting**

### **09/10/2021**

#### **PRESENT**

Richard Catchpole	Head
Rachel Barker	Deputy Head
Sarah Speirs	Co Chair and 5L parent
Jackie Ahrens	Co Chair and 5L parent
Rachel Roberts	Vice Chair, 4WT Rep and 5L Rep
Wendi Lancaster	Vice Chair, 5L Rep
Katherine Carter	Secretary and 5S parent
Helen Warren	3BF Rep
Melanie Alexander	3MB Rep
Sarah Job	4WT Christmas Rep
Laura Buchanan	5S Rep
Karen Beamer	5S Christmas Rep
Ruth Grose	6W Rep
Heather Carey	6E Rep

## **FINANCIAL UPDATE**

- The profit from this year's Fireworks event is estimated at £4.8k.
- This is a large increase on previous year's profits, which have all been around the £2k mark.
- The Skip-a-thon's profit is estimated at £2.5-3k.
- The PTA has pledged £3k from the BBQ and £4k from the Fireworks to the MUGA fund. Additionally, the money raised from the Skip-A-thon (which is organised by the school, but the PTA handles the money) will also go towards the MUGA fund. These proceeds combined come to approx. 10% of the fundraising target.

## **FIREWORKS GENERAL FEEDBACK**

- This event was an enormous success.
- Huge and heart-felt thanks given to all the reps and volunteers.

### **Bar and BBQ**

- The large gazebo leant to us by Heather worked brilliantly. It allowed for more servers, reduced queues and just worked incredibly well all-round.
- Card readers were a great success and ensured queues moved quickly and efficiently. iPhones worked better than iPads for payment, as the mobile network provided a stronger signal than the school wifi network.
- Using Bill Bingham's and the Tasker's lighting in the playground was very helpful allowing parents to see their children and aiding volunteers to see what they were doing.

### **Treat Stall**

- Lucky dip bags sold out first, and they could have sold lots and lots more.
- Doughnuts (shop bought) also sold very well.
- Home-made cakes and treats did not sell very well.
- Lucozade Sport sold very quickly, Coke in comparison sold very little.
- Lots of children brought £10 notes to the treat table - always need more change in the float than anticipated.

## **CHRISTMAS CARDS**

- Helen is overseeing this large operation.
- Although the deadline for ordering via the school ended on 12<sup>th</sup> Nov, you can order up to 23<sup>rd</sup> Nov and arrange independent postage.

## **CHRISTMAS WREATHS**

- The date for the wreath workshop, held in the school hall, is **Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> December**.
- Those making the wreaths can either buy the wreath themselves, or the wreath will be sold at the fayre the following day.
- Kara Wescombe Blackman will be running the workshop event, more details to follow

## **CHRISTMAS FAYRE**

- The date for the fayre is **Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> December 1200 to 1500**
- The theme this year will be a Christmas outdoor market, with lots of external stalls (Luna's cookies etc) as well as lots of internal school run activities.
- Refer to the email and letter sent by school on 09/11 detailing the list of mufti days in exchange for donations. This information was also sent by Class List 09/11.
- The list of the School and PTA led stalls and activities are:

3MB	Bar
3BF	BBQ
4A	Bar and BBQ support
4WT	Christmas biscuit decorating
5S	Hook a Bauble and Nerf the Snowman (or similar)
5L	Festive face painting and tattoos
6E & 6W	Bottle tombola, sweet lucky dip, toy and book tombola
Bill Bingham	Sports activity
S, J, KC	Wreaths, Busbridge Gin, Raffle tickets
Governors	100 Square
Teachers	Cake and soft drinks
School Council	Guess how many sweets in the Godalming Delights jar

### **Other Christmas Fayre notes**

- Richard will liaise with Karen Beamer re practicing some Christmas songs in assembly prior to the fayre. Karen to check out the school keyboard.
- Rachel Roberts to source a large inflatable snowman and Santa, contact Music Works re music at the fayre, and contact Suzie at the Town Council re Busbridge Gin at the Godalming Lights on 27<sup>th</sup> November.
- Hamptons will be sponsoring the Christmas Fayre with a £500 donation, along with a stand offering a 'The Deli' hamper as a raffle prize.
- Heather to ask if we can borrow the large bar gazebo again, but it may be unlikely due to the owners of the gazebo needing it on the same day. Sarah to investigate hiring or buying of a similar gazebo.
- Jackie to call out for festive attire inc. lights, decorations, gazebo's etc

## **CHRISTMAS SECRET SHOPPER**

- The date for the Secret Shopper is **Friday 10<sup>th</sup> December**
- Claire Hemmings (5L parent) is running and organising the Secret Shopper
- On Friday 19<sup>th</sup> November children are asked to bring in donations for Secret Shopper in exchange for mufti.
- Refer to the email and letter sent by school on 09/11 detailing the different donations. This information was also sent by Class List 09/11.
- Parent helpers will be needed on the day, more information to follow

## **CHRISTMAS FILM**

- The school will arrange a Christmas film for all the children held within the school day (this is not a fundraising activity).
- More information to follow.

## **OTHER BUSINESS**

- Bouncing for Muga (working title) set for Friday 11<sup>th</sup> February.
- Band, food and auction event to be looked into early next year.
- Richard to liaise with Rowan re fixing the rotten wood under the composite decking area. This may be followed up with request for parental / community help.

## **DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

- Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> January at 1930.