

FRIENDS of BJS MINUTES 9th NOVEMBER 2020

By Zoom

PRESENT

Staff

Richard Catchpole

Committee

Sarah Speirs / Jackie Ahrens / Lorraine Collins / Steve Muir / Katherine Carter

Class Reps

Rachel Roberts / Helen Boardman / Fi Kimbell / Jess Doling / Kimmy Ramelli / Vicki O'Connor / Sue Newman / Nicola Riley

Apologies

Rachel O'Brian / Gill BG / Laura Bond / Lorna Carroll / Kirsty Glaysher

INTRO

Sarah introduced the survey. About 2/3 of all guardians responded. All classes well covered.

EASY FUNDRAISING

Lorraine: Just done an announcement on Priors Field Class List to do a reminder, BJS could use Class List to remind too.

Rachel: Class reps can play a huge part in this, getting people inspired. Need people to feel proud they are on it.

RC: to send an easy fundraising email, Rachel will draft an email.

Jackie: there is a special link where folks sign up you can get a fiver.

Lorraine: Big companies like holiday companies, virgin flights through easy fundraising. John Lewis do a lot on their account, Pets at Home etc.

Signing up on Amazon Smile has smaller returns, but still worth it.

SKILLS OR TALENTS

25% of people said they had skills they could share, ground force type events, painting and decorating.

Helen: re photography at Milford. They used a parent who was a good photographer, every parent paid £7 for a digital image and a print-out. All profits went to the school.

RC: We do make some money out of Imago – ask Kirsty as to how much the school makes. Imago is booked in for the school term and will check re cancellation policy.

SS: Will speak to Many Spenser about this.

AUCTION

Some good stuff, worth looking at an online auction after Christmas

Jess: will speak to someone who ran a similar event last year and see how they did – the logistics and principles will be similar.

PARENTS DONATE DIRECTLY

Discussed via 'Just Giving' though this takes a cut, so not worth it. Best to do it via BACS transfer. Rachel suggested wedding type list.

RC: let's have some short-term goals to fund and some longer term goals to fund so everyone benefits. Will ask Kirsty to get more quotes for the all-weather pitch.

Sue: suggested investment in quality goals, basket-ball hoops etc

RC: will look in the shed and see if any other kit needs replacing. Will look into cost of outdoor tennis table (more than one indoor table presents difficulty in storage).

Sue: asked about musical instruments.

RC: confirmed have plenty, but will speak to teachers if any of it needs replacing / expanding.

RC: to formalise a list of items / goals for fundraising.

PTA to put together a donations letter (or similar) once list is in place.

CHRISTMAS BAKE

Jackie to run a Christmas cake / ginger-bread house / yule log festive cakes. A bottle of fizz the best festive bakes, teachers as judges.

CHRISTMAS SHOPPING

Claire has already lots of sweets ready to be wrapped.

Collection boxes to go in each classroom.

Friday 20th Nov Mufti in exchange for Secret Shopping gifts.

Each class / year to provide a different genre of gifts to be collected in each classroom, reps to collect and take to Claire's garage.

Friday 4th December for Secret Shopping (TBC by RC) either all morning or all afternoon.

SS and RC to chat this week about rolling out the shopping event.

SS: in touch with Oxenford Farm for a Christmas Tree

HAMPER RAFFLE

Friday 27th November Mufti in exchange for hamper gifts.

Monday 7th December Raffle Draw - Lorraine and RC to video the draw (currently arranged for 2.30pm, but tbc).

Winners to collect directly from Lorraine.

Lorraine to send letter to Liz to distribute this week or next.

ONLINE BOTTLE TOMBOLA

Delia to run the bottle tombola

Friday 4th December Mufti in exchange for bottles

WREATHS

Fi is happy to run the wreath workshop for people to make their own wreaths – will await to see what government guidelines are before proceeding with plans. Lorraine to liaise with Fi regarding this

TEA TOWELS

Sue and Helen to help Rachel cutting everything up for her.

FLYER RE INFANT SCHOOL CHRISTMAS TREE

Flyers to be distributed to advertise this