

FRIENDS OF BJS

MINUTES 4TH MAY 2021

PRESENT

Richard Catchpole, Rachel Barker, Sarah Speirs, Jackie Ahrens, Katherine Carter, Helen Boardman, Fi Kimbell, Rachel Roberts, Jess Doling, Sue Newman, Laura Bond, Vicki O'Connor, Kimmi Ramelli, Kirsty Glaysheer, Lorna Carroll

Busbridge Gin

Sarah is working with Gorilla Spirits to create a batch of 'Busbridge Gin'. Gorilla Spirits is a well-established distillery, selling online and via Waitrose and Harrods.

Busbridge Gin will be priced at £35 and can be sold at school events where there is an alcohol licence ie Fireworks, Christmas Fair, Summer BBQ etc. Selling the bottles of gin at school events will raise £7.50 per bottle for the school.

The gin can also be purchased 24/7 via the Gorilla website. When bottles are bought this way, the school will raise £5 per bottle.

The bottle will have a local artists beautiful painting of Godalming town centre on the label.

The gin is not just for selling at school or for school parents, it aims to be promoted through our own personal communities: word of mouth, local advertising (The Bridge) facebook, whatsapp etc.

Sarah is looking into local business to stock the gin ie Rose and Crown with a view to potentially creating a Busbridge Gin Cocktail. Also potential to host a Gin mixologist PTA event. Possibility of having a Gin stall at the Infant School.

Open to any marketing and pr help from other parents and guardians.

PTA National Prize Draw

To be looked into in more detail.

Ice cream Friday

Sarah has acquired a chest freezer for the school, which will be able to hold the ice cream stock. It is hopeful that the chest freezer can be plugged in and stored in the music room for the period that ice creams will be sold.

The chest freezer will hold an ongoing stock of ice creams, which will be topped up each week by whichever class is running that week's ice cream event.

Ice cream Friday will be trialled before half term, on Friday 21st and Thursday 27th (Friday 28th is inset day).

There will be 2 ice cream collection points, one location for Y6 and one location Y4 at 1515 and the same for Y5 and Y3 at 1530. Each class to take it in turns to run the ice cream stands.

Waitrose Token Donations.

Sarah has secured BJS as one of the Waitrose charities in the next financial quarter, which will raise approximately £333 for the school.

As Waitrose are focusing on transforming child poverty, it is likely that money received from Waitrose will go into the BJS hardship fund.

Mile-Athon

Laura Bond talked through the possibility of hosting a fundraising 'Mile-athon' event to take place over half term. This event invites all pupils to challenge themselves to run / walk / cycle / scoot etc as far as they can over the half term period (with a few days or week either side, which they will be sponsored for. The milage would be calculated by the children's parents / carers. The class that scores the most miles receive some form of treat or class reward. This event can motivate families to get out and active and could potentially raise a large amount of money for the school.

There is also a Munstead House sponsored run on the Thursday before half term to support Pippa Barrett (Y3 teacher) who is running an incredible 90 miles. This House sponsored run will raise money for the horse charity, Mane Chance.

Rachel and Laura to chat about this over the next week or so and see how the two events can be potentially dove-tailed.

Just Giving

BJS Govenors are setting up a Just Giving type page, which will create a fundraising platform for BJS. It will initially focus on raising to help fund the surfacing of the school field (a huge project which the PTA will also help raise funds for)

Parents and carers are invited to give a voluntary amount. This can be done as a single donation, or monthly / annual amount.

As a note, the infant school have started a crowd funder on Class List for 'the Nest' (a prefabricated additional space for the school), so this is a potential format for PTA fundraising at BJS in the future.

Class List

Jackie will do another push on Class List, though is aware that not all reps and parents / carers want to use it.

Class List will be part of the New Parents Pack for the next academic year, so the parents sign up for Class List alongside all the other consent forms in the pack.

We will look into the possibility of making Class List communication mandatory for PTA comms as of September. If all parents sign up, communication re PTA events will become much easier to access and centralised (and reduction in emails).

Mufti for Summer BBQ bottles and sweets

The Summer BBQ is booked for 2nd July and we will need 2 days for the children to come in mufti in exchange for bottles and sweets for the BBQ tombolas.

Monday 28th June: Mufti in exchange for bottles (note this is also going to be 'pet day' at the school – more info from the school office to follow)

Friday 18th July: Mufti in exchange for sweets.

There will be a separate meeting for the Summer BBQ for reps and the committee - date to be confirmed asap.