

**FOSP meeting**  
**24th September 2020**

Present: Lydia, Ashley, Charlotte, Rachel, Fiona, Tom, Eytan, Emma, Helen, Christie, Sarah, Marta

**1. Christmas walking fair**

We discussed the idea of having a walking fair, instead of the Christmas fair, with stalls run from volunteers' driveways. Having multiple of each popular stall (tombola, hot chocolate, lucky bags?) might help with keeping groups of people spread out. Potential to do two routes, KS1 and KS2, to also help with this. Important to have a couple of alternative dates in case of bad weather.

Under the current restrictions (and any future tighter restrictions) it might be hard to maintain safe distances between groups of families.

**2. Advent window trail**

We discussed our second Christmas idea - a trail of illuminated Christmas windows, to run end November - mid December.

- 27th November - 11th December
- £2 per map
- Buckets under windows for donations
- Flasks of hot chocs/mince pies etc?

We really want to make sure that the children get the Lucky Bags this year, but how can we make this work safely?

- We discussed the idea of Father Christmas doing a delivery to the children's houses on the final day of the window trail, but this might become logistically complicated
- Lucky bags could be dropped off at school 3rd and 4th December to quarantine before being handed out in class?

Action: Lydia/Ashley to write a letter to go out from school to launch the window trail to the school community. To include a lucky bag return slip too: £1 per bag for each child wanting a lucky bag

**3. Fundraising - tote bags/Christmas cards?**

Discussed the options for fundraising this year. Aware that both cards and bags can be very labour intensive, so need to get started as soon as possible so they're ready for Christmas.

Action: Charlotte to put a poll on social media to see which option the wider FOSP group prefers, and to see if any other ideas come up.

#### **4. Role of vice-chair**

Charlotte will continue as Chair of the committee for the time being, but we'd really like to have another person join the committee as vice chair.

Action: announcement about the role to go into the school newsletter and expressions of interest to go to Charlotte.

#### **5. Match-funding /fundraising discussion**

Discussed options for match funding. Aviva does a scheme to match-fund £250. Emma K to look into this as she has applied to this scheme for FOSP before.

Discussed other possible (Covid safe) ways to raise money - rerunning something like the Smarties challenge? Natalie passed some ideas on to the meeting too, including the possibility of a whole school calendar; giving each class a budget to make items to sell; putting together a winter activity book, like the summer pack, but as a physical book to sell.

Also talked about the possibility of having an online way for people to donate, possibly through JustGiving/Patreon or similar. Need to be careful as many sites take a percentage of the donations. Emma K suggested looking at a local giving site she has worked with before.

Funding for school

FOSP happy to fund PHSE week (£524). We are also aiming to fund the coach (c£300) for the residential which has been rebooked for March.

#### **6. Christmas production**

Christie asked whether there is anything FOSP could do to support a Christmas production for the children. Agreed that this is something we'd be really keen to help with.

Action: Christie to email Ashley about creating a DVD

#### **7. Other ideas**

Eytan suggested the possibility of semi-organising a contactless trick or treating trail for Halloween. It was agreed that the children would enjoy this but that we need to be mindful of our connection to the church when talking about Halloween and whether this is appropriate. Agreed that it could be coordinated through class WhatsApp groups.