FOSB Meeting Notes

2nd March 2020, 2pm.

Present: Kim Warner, Laura Ryder, Laura Bell, John Parkin, Michelle Moreton-Clack, Linda Parkin, Lucy Burr, Debbie Reardon.

Apologies: Gemma Braybrooke, Claire-Marie Goode, Deirdre Hayes

Mother's day sale. This will be held on Friday 20^{th} March. There are 430 children in the school. Having reviewed what was bought last year and what is left over, it was agreed that 350 new items will be bought. John & Linda will buy 190 chocolates of various types but no peppermint creams. Sue Hogg has offered her services to source the primroses and John will contact her to discuss prices and options. 100 primroses will be required. Michelle agreed to buy another 60 items. Laura R will send timings to Debbie and ask for other volunteers, if necessary. Laura R , Kim and Michelle all agreed to help. Raffle tickets will be used again. Linda will check stock of tickets. Sale to start a 1.30, so set up from 1.15.

Easter egg hunt. This will take place on Friday 3rd April, subject to school agreement. Debbie to confirm. 430 eggs are required and Laura R will look for similar eggs to last year and also include some Haribos. The process of last year worked well and the children enjoyed hiding the eggs. Subject to helpers available, it may be a consideration for classes to each organise their own hunt. Laura R will ask for volunteers.

Summer fair. Due to the original date clashing with the father's day sale, it was agreed to try to move this event to 11th July. Debbie will confirm whether Mrs Oakley is available for this date. The on-going issue of lack of volunteers was mentioned and it was suggested that parents who help with school outing might be approached to help with the event. Laura B's staff volunteer sheet from last year worked well and it was agreed that a similar approach will be adopted this year.

Second hand uniform. It was agreed that this sale will continue, as it does provide some income and also is a service to parents/careers. It was agreed that as sale will be conducted 6 times a year, in the final week before school breaks. A new rail is required and Linda & Kim will sort this purchase between them. The issue of parents not receiving text was discussed and Debbie described the process and her view that network issues are the likely source of the problem.

Non uniform days. These events are proving disruptive to learning, so consideration needs to be given to alternative forms of revenue generation. There will be no non uniform day this term. Instead, we will arrange a cake sale, with contributions going to FOSB. Parents will be asked for cake donations and children will be allowed to buy cakes during the day at 50p each. This will take place on Friday 1st May and Kim and Lucy have volunteered to help.

Social events. John circulated a draft of a letter to parents, asking for feedback on the type of events they would take part in. It was agreed that this will be used with slight modification. John agreed to do the copying at the school.

Charity registration. John advised that the process to do this is quite lengthy and only needs to involve the elected members of the committee, as only elected members are eligible to become trustees. John, Linda and Laura will arrange a session to get this moving and Laura will review the documentation on the Parenkind website.

Parentkind membership. John advised that our renewal date is 22 March. It was greed that we will renew and do this by way of a direct debit. This will represent a small cost saving, so the annual cost will be £122 for a school with 400+ children.

Other business. Debbie has not yet been added to the Facebook Committee page. This will be done.

The next meeting will be on 4th May, commencing at 2pm.