

Friends of Orton School
Brainstorming Meeting
Minutes

31st January 2022

Start time 6.30pm

Present:

Joanna Hayward (Chair), Angela Tyson (Vice Chair), Vicki Capstick (Vice Chair), Bex Shelton (Treasurer), Megan Cotton-Dew (Secretary), Debra Capstick, Jenny Bowes, Lottie Dunning.

Apologies:

Gemma Lewis, Cath Wray, Lisa Elliot, Charlotte Robinson, Clare Martindale, Gill Abram.

'Big Breakfast' – to discuss at next meeting for possible event after Easter.

Valentine Disco and Parent Quiz:

DISCO

-Emma Pomfret happy for disco to happen in school asap. Date of Thursday 10th February agreed for Valentines Disco, as suggested as suitable date by Emma Pomfret.

-Time of either 5.30pm-6.30pm OR 5:45pm-6:45pm to be agreed by Jo Hayward with Emma Pomfret and After School Club staff, (plus Judith (cleaner), although Emma P may do this?).

-Jo Hayward will check if Andrea Mounsey is available for music and lights. If Andrea's not available Angela Tyson and husband will be back up.

- sell 'penny' sweets and little packs of love heart sweets in paper bags; crisps; possibly sausage rolls ???; possibly hotdogs in a bread roll; veggie option; dairy free option; cordial.

Angela Tyson will research JMP options available.

-Sixty one children currently in school. **Need to check dietary requirements so all catered for if necessary.**

-Bex Shelton has had discussion with Co-Op about funding opportunities. Co-Op will donate a voucher between £30-£60 to pay for specified goods. It is relatively easy to obtain especially as we are a registered charity. **Bex Shelton will check guidelines and report back if it's something we can use to purchase items for the disco.**

- Jo Hayward and Bex Shelton will have a look at school hall and discuss with Emma Pomfret about best way to set up for the disco and selling sweets etc.

-a float will be required – Bex S to sort?

-Lottie Dunning and Bex Shelton happy to staff the disco – one on the door (initially) and one selling the food. Hopefully Andrea Mounsey will also be present to help supervise the children. Megan Cotton-Dew possibly available to help, although may not be back in time. Angela Tyson may also be available if necessary.

QUIZ

-Richard Petty has offered to run a quiz in the George Hotel, at the same time as the disco. There will be a prize – bottle of wine (?) for the winning team/person.

-Vicki Capstick has offered to assist.

-The quiz will be advertised by Jo H to school parents and the wider community via social media, the school newsletter and posters.

Farmers' Market – Bulb and Cake Sale

To be held on March 12th, in the church. **Check with Marion Robinson if it is ok to have a stall in Church, if school have not already done so.**

Ask parents, via school newsletter and social media, to donate cakes for sale.

There are ninety pots of bulbs planted up by the children to be sold at the market. Jo H suggested putting the pots in **paper bags, possibly decorated by the children**, and tied up with pretty ribbon. Each one will also have a **label tied on and decorated by the children** or stamped with a design. This could **possibly be done at After School Club – to be discussed.**

Mothers' Day tea towel

As discussed at a previous meeting, it was decided to research the options for printing tea towels to sell for Mothers' Day. The children will be asked to draw a picture of their mum which will then all be printed collectively onto a tea towel.

Jo H will contact Cauliflower Cards to check lead times and cost, and also research other options.

Bags to School

Arranged for March – to be advertised on social media and school newsletter.

Easter Fundraisers

Suggestion of running an Easter themed treasure hunt, finishing at school for refreshments. Each child who completes the treasure hunt will receive an easter egg prize – **to be sourced.**

Paste Egg competition, or just for a bit of fun?

Check with Families Together so we avoid clashing with their activities. Debra Capstick will contact Pam.

To be discussed and organised at next meeting.

FoOS Shed

During the Easter holidays the school playground is being tarmacked. Emma P has requested, if possible, for the FoOS shed to be moved so the whole playground can be tarmacked. This would also help preserve the shed as it could then be moved back into position and raised up on bricks, therefore stopping water ingress through the floor of the shed.

Barnaby will have a look at the shed and advise as to whether or not it will be possible to move it in one piece. If so, the shed will need to be emptied and the contents stored (possibly in school – check with Emma P). A team of helpers will be put together once we know the situation.

Co-Op Grants

Bex Shelton shared further info about the Co-Op grants available to charities. There is a Community Grant available which totals £500. There is a form to fill in which is assessed by an internal committee who will give a response in 6-8 weeks. Bex will research in to the criteria and report back.

There is also a Community Connect grant which is a pot of £9,000 that is split between three winning charities. The top charity will receive £5,000 and the two runners up each receive £2,000. The application process is a lot more involved and will require more input from the FoOS committee to be in with a chance of securing a place in the top three. The final three are voted for by the Co-Op members. The grant applications are open now and winning charities will receive funds in October. **Bex S will look in to the paperwork and criteria required and report back. Jo H will discuss with Emma P any funding proposals that school have in mind that may fit the criteria.**

Next meeting: Monday February 21st 2022, 7pm, at Town End Cottage (Jo H's house), unless notified of change beforehand.

Meeting concluded 7:45pm