

Friends of Sharow School FOSS

Meeting minutes

13.5.21 8pm

Attended by Lou, Liv, Bethan and Mrs Palmer

Apologies from Emily, Natalie

Friends of Skelton were also invited. Lou will discuss possible joint events with them

Various fundraising ideas for this term were suggested and discussed. The main difficulty was ensuring that events followed COVID secure guidelines.

1. School uniform sale

- Wheelie bin to be placed in school car park from Monday
- Mrs Palmer will sort the wheelie bin in school
- Notice to be placed in school newsletter ASAP asking parents to donate any decent quality unwanted or outgrown uniform items which could be reused/recycled.
- FOSS will empty the bin, wash and sort the clothes and then offer them for re-sale. Donations for the clothes will be accepted through ParentPay.
- Pupils asked to produce laminated poster for the clothes bin.
- Some discussion on how to advertise the clothes – FOSS will keep a list of available items and parents can request via email fosssharrow@gmail.com.
- If restrictions lift further, we may be able to hold a proper tabletop sale of uniform before the end of the summer term.
- We plan to keep the clothes bin going on a rolling basis.

2. Book sale

- Similar scheme to uniform donations above.
- Parents are asked to donate any decent quality children's books which are no longer needed.
- Books are collected by FOSS, stored, and resold. Donations via ParentPay.
- Mrs Palmer has a swing bin for the books which will be placed next to clothes bin.
- Discussion on how to manage possible large quantities of books donated.
- FOSS to collect and store the books. Liv offered the use of her shed.

3. Non-uniform Day – Unity Day Friday 25th June

- Red white and blue theme to mark Unity Day. “One Britain One Nation”.
- Clothes must be suitable for PE.
- FOSS will collect donations on the school gates.

4. Sponsored Bike Ride / Scoot / Walk

- Newby Hall have agreed we can use their estate grounds, out of hours.
- Start and finish at Skelton Primary – joint fundraiser with Skelton
- Family routes have been used before at Newby – 4 mile and 1 mile loops.
- Discussion around insurance – route is almost all within Newby Hall grounds but short final section runs through Skelton village > **Bethan to contact Parentkind to enquire about insurance.** Risk assessment also needed.
- Parents would have to sign to say they were happy with the route and they would accompany their children.
- Children would collect sponsorship – prize for individual in each class who raised the most.
- Trail / clues on the way round?
- BBQ – sausages / burgers – on field at Skelton to raise further funds. Catering to be organised nearer the time.
- Newby will only let us use the estate after they have closed, earlier on a Monday. We all agreed a Monday after school would be fine – time to be confirmed 4/5pm? Tbc Monday in July.
- Discussion around how people could transport bikes to Skelton – kids’ bikes would fit in cars.

5. Bag2School collection

- To be arranged for June/July similar to previous collection

OTHER FUNDRAISING SUGGESTIONS NOT CURRENTLY POSSIBLE

6. Car Boot Sale on Skelton playing field

- Possible future fundraiser joint with Skelton once restrictions have been lifted further. To discuss again after half term.

7. Toy Sale

- Difficult to hold currently – children mixing outside of their bubbles, touching toys. To discuss again after half term.

8. Sports Day

- We will wait to hear whether this goes ahead. FOSS can provide refreshments as on previous years.

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In recent years FOSS have helped School to buy a new smartboard for Class 4; the daily mile track around the field; and new books for the school library.

We are always looking for new members.

Any parents interested should contact us on fossharow@gmail.com or via our Facebook page "Friends of Sharow School – FOSS PTA"