FOSS Meeting 14th September 2016

**In Attendance**

Barry Hilton (Chair)

Jane Tomlinson (Secretary)

Amanda Solway (Treasurer)

Anna Collishaw

Tasha Boyns

Chris Boyns

Nicki Oxenham

Emily Knight

Lisa Hastings

Lizzy Wedgwood-Bates

Cassi Rossall

Marianne Webster

Sarah McCammon

Rachael O’Dowd

Debbie Light

There was no formal agenda but discussions took place around some main themes:

**Background Discussions**

Efforts are still being made to update the details on the bank account and access to it. At this time, it is thought that there is about £2300 in the bank for FOSS to allocate as they see fit. There are currently around 130 children in the school, 15 of which are in year 6 and due to leave at the end of the school year.

In previous years FOSS has paid for the end of school trip for the year 6 group (this is generally to Flambards @ approx £15 a head plus approx £300 for a coach – Total approx £525).

FOSS has also traditionally funded the children’s Christmas gifts (usually selection boxes) and the leavers’ presents.

**Fundraising Ideas**

The group wanted to see the “Treat Friday” tradition continue as this was a relatively easy and regular way to generate an income. Without any advertising last week over £15 was raised, and it was agreed that moving the stall from the main entrance to between the classroom steps was likely to generate greater interest and therefore greater income.

Discussions took place on bringing “Treat Friday” within the scope of the “Healthy Schools” agenda, however, it was acknowledged that the shelf life of fruit made this difficult for a weekly event and children in KS1 still receive fruit as part of a central government initiative. It was however agreed that efforts could be made to include popcorn which was a healthier alternative.

It was also agreed that discos and events were popular, and a good source of income. Detailed discussions took place and the following events, and provisional dates were agreed:

* Autumn Disco (18:00-19:00) – Friday 14/10/2016
* Christmas event - 12/12/2016 (this would not necessarily be a disco but could be a carol event, it is also the day before the Kenwyn Church event, ad the week after the class ½ event)
* Christmas raffle – tickets could be sold after October half term for a draw at the Christmas event. Acknowledged that desirable prizes would be required so all at meeting asked to enquire with acquaintances regarding the donation of prizes.
* St Pirran’s Day Disco – Monday 06/03/2017 – this could also include a parents café where cream teas could be served.
* Summer Fair - 01/07/2017, this would be a Saturday so the whole village could get involved. Having the event on a Saturday also allows more time for people to browse and enjoy and it is though more parents would attend (as both could attend rather than just 1 after school).

The idea of a “Cinema Night” has also been suggested by Mr Easter, questions were asked as to if a licence (Temporary Events Notice) would be needed. Jane T to enquire (enquiries show that a TEN would be required, they cost £21 and need to be submitted 10 days in advance of the event).

It was also thought that a “Fundraising” board is created to show how much money has been raised and what it has been spent on to encourage and maintain parent/carer support for activities. This could also be supported with a regular newsletter updating on events.

**Treat Friday Rota**

Assistance was requested to help with the Treat Friday stand. The following volunteers were asked to do the following dates:

16/09/2016 – Barry Hilton and Sarah Greenwell

23/09/2016 – Lizzy and Cassie

30/09/2016 – Tasha and Jane

07/10/2016 – Rachael and Amanda

**Date of Next Meeting**

Due to the closeness of the date of the Autumn Disco, next meeting date set for **Wednesday 28/09/2016** Can you also bring availability for October’s Treat Friday to this meeting.