

FOMH Meeting 23rd January 2012

Attendees: Miss Honor, Karlie R, Sharn H(SH), Jenny D(JD), Caroline L(CL), Alison C(AC), Dawn H(DH), Pauline H(PH), Cate H(CH), Ruth E(RE), Julie M(JM), Jen P(JP), Heather H(HH).

1. Apologies: Alexia W(AW), Iolanda V(IV), Stevie M(SM).
2. Christmas Fair: JD reported that the fair had made a profit of £1640, which compared favourably with last year's profit. It was noted that the fair was slow to start this year, but was well attended overall, with great feedback. Santa's Grotto was very well liked. It was recommended that if there is to be a film to be shown next year, that the laptop and accessories be planned in advance. It was noted that some people who said they would help to run a stall did not turn up. The microphone lead for the sound system was not functioning; CH to find a suitable lead in time for any future events. JD put forward the idea of using a token system instead of money at the school fairs to better manage the amount of money that is held at each stall and to assess how many 'hits' each stall has .
3. Christmas Dinner: This ran smoothly and the children enjoyed their meal. There were a lot of helpers this year which made the event easier to set up and clear. There were too few place settings of cutlery; this will be considered for next year and extra cutlery to be available on the day. Similarly some water cups and chairs of the right height need to be available for the laying out of the hall.
4. Coffee Morning: The next coffee morning was planned for **Friday 10th February** after drop off in the dining hall. Helpers are required. HH, DH and CH will be available. RE agreed to run a cake stall after school if there are cakes left over from the morning.
5. Dates for 2012: The Summer Fair was planned for **Saturday 7th July**. CH suggested that there should be a separate Fair Committee set up for this event. Future events were considered, including social events aimed at adults, and family events. SH agreed to put together a survey which will go out to parents and carers in book bags to find out what type of event they would like to attend, and for FOMH to organise. Ideas put forward included a family disco, and for adults a murder mystery evening. The fact that the school no longer hires the hall for adult parties was discussed, due to noise and disturbance to local residents. It was agreed that more could be made of the FOMH notice board, and perhaps as the displays change with new information this could be highlighted with balloons or a flag which will draw the attention of parents and carers. PH said that any new information about forthcoming events would be publicised through Merry Hill Matters (MHM). Future events planned; **Mothers Day Secrets rooms** after school on **Tuesday 13th** and **Wednesday 14th March**. Volunteers are needed for each day. Tuesday 5th June is the Queen's Golden Jubilee – it was agreed that FOMH hold an event to celebrate this on Friday **1st June**, possibly a 'street party 'on the playground. **1st June could also be a non uniform day**; the children could dress in celebration of the day, in return for a donation of £1.
6. Egg Hunt: The Easter Egg Hunts will take place on **Thursday 29th March** for Nursery children and **Friday 30th March** for the remainder of the school. AW will be asked if she wants to play the Easter Bunny again for the 30th only. CH to liaise with Nursery and teaching staff to plan when to hold the EE hunts. FOMH provided an egg for each child last year. These were

donated; CH will ask IV if this is possible again this year, if not FOMH will find alternative. Allergies will be taken into account on purchase of eggs, as necessary.

7. Sponsored Slide: The Sponsored Slide will be held on **Friday 18th May**. CH to liaise with PH about the timing of this event. A few helpers are required throughout the day.

8. A.O.B: JM set the next Second Hand Uniform sale for **Friday 23rd March at 3pm**. JM wanted to say that she will be stepping down from organising this event in the summer and if it is to continue, it needs to be handed over with all the supply of uniform. If anyone wants to take on this role, they would need to liaise with JM before the summer sale of uniform to make arrangements for handover. SH suggested that individual photographs of the children could be taken at the dress rehearsal for the school nativity which could be sold to parents at the Christmas Fair. The Leavers' Show DVD was discussed; CH has the contact details of the person who recorded the show in 2011. All present were shown a copy of the new FOMH Directory which will go into book bags over the next few days. JD revisited the idea of textile recycling at the school; she will forward a link to the website of a company that is popular with other schools. A Pampered Chef event was discussed; Miss Scott had previously raised this as an idea.

9. Next Meeting Date: **Thursday 23rd February 2012**