

		Attendees	Apologies
Meeting called by	Vicki McGowan	Lesley Sutton	Steph Durber
Type of meeting	Events	Becki Hynes Marie Whittaker	Jade Wells Marcus Ashcroft
Facilitator	Vicki McGowan	Laura Western Lesa Curry	Jenny Cooper Carrie
Note taker	Lesley Sutton	Becky Ball	Julie Hastie
Timekeeper	Vicki McGowan	Sarah Rachel Sadler	

| Cover of last meeting. | Presenter *Vicki McGowan*

Summer Fair

Went really well and we raised £2500. We had lots of amazing comments. We had a few comments about the meat that was purchased from Longmans Butchers, some people saying that the burgers were too thin etc. This is something we can learn from and source from elsewhere next year. Also no onions.

Library

Last year we helped to fund the refurbish the school library. Most of it is now completed. Mrs. McKinlay has asked us for some lighting, wall mounted that fold away to the wall. Vicki to check how many we need.

Circus Day

THE BEST FUN EVER!! This wasn't what we expected or paid for but the children laughed all day, they loved it and was appreciated by all. We discussed whether it was something we do again or do we try and find something different for an end of year treat for all the children. The circus day cost us £346 for the whole day. Becky Ball asked if we could find something different for around the same price that involved all. Some options put forward were a Harry Potter Day or Forest School. We will look for ideas to try and get this booked in ASAP.

Fright Night

We have gone ahead and booked Acton Village Hall for the last day of term, Thursday 24th October. 1800-2000pm

As the hall can only hold 150 people this will be a first come first served event. Concerns were raised about the date, will people be going away? And the amount of tickets, once again we can't please everyone. We could hire a bigger venue to suit all but then we are not guaranteed that everyone will come.

We will hire Jonathan the DJ that we used for our Christmas disco; he was brilliant with the kids and got the children involved in little competitions.

Adult and Child tickets will be needed. Adults will need to stay with their child.

Last year's tickets prices were £2.50 each. This year they will be £3.00 each. We discussed maybe selling a family ticket but decided to keep it simple and sell individual tickets.

Marie mentioned that she had seen a Bain Marie in B&M for the price of £30, this was discussed and agreed that we should purchase as it can be used at most events, and can be kept in the FOAS shed.

Food – Although the food we provided last year went down well we made too much ended up taking it away with us. This year we have decided to only do chips, pizzas, nachos with cheese and salsa, hotdogs with proper sausages and onions.

Lesley to contact ASDA regarding donation of bread rolls.

Bar – We will provide one type of lager, cider and wine; let's not provide too much option as we are left with surplus.

Soft drinks we can purchase from farm foods. 3 trays of 24 for £18, fruit shoots 2 trays of 24 for £10. We will also provide water.

Decorations – It was discussed that that we were in desperate need of new decorations. Laura and Rachel were given a budget of £20 to source new decorations.

Fancy dress Competition. Steph to source prizes and glow sticks.

We will need about 10 people to help out.

Tuck shop. Sweet cones and Pick & mixes went down well last time; we agreed to do these again at a cost of £1 each for cones and 20p for pick & mix. We will shop around to find the best price for sweets.

Laura to ask My Symms how much they would charge, can they give us a deal?

Becky Ball suggested buying from eBay; they come out at 87p each.

Do we change the name of Fright Night? Lesa said that the name had remained the same for over 10 years. We agreed a name change might make our annual event seem more interesting to the children. We all agreed on the name MONSTER BASH.

Lesley to sort poster and tickets, ready for Monday 30th September.

Cakes sales

Lesla mentioned that the teachers had asked why we were still doing cake sales when they have to promote being a healthy school. Children are not allowed to cake and sweets in for birthdays. It was brought up that this was mentioned at the parent council and Mrs. Dolman agreed that they could go ahead, a little of something of what you fancy won't hurt. The children look forward to cake sales, baking and buying. This makes FOAS around £500 per school year which then goes back into the school.

It was suggested that if some parents don't want their children to have cakes at cake sales then they could maybe let the school know of this decision. Vicki to speak to Mrs. McKinlay about this, and whether cakes sales will continue to go ahead.

It was also suggested that we do cake sales at the end of the school day.

We have some provisional dates to start us off. Once again we will start with 6 and work our way down the year groups.

Year 6 – Thursday 10th October

Year 5 – Friday 6th December

Wreath making evening.

Mrs. Rogers requires some all in one puddle/wetsuits for her classroom. She is happy to fundraise herself. She has suggested a wreath making evening or 2. Her Aunty runs a florist, and runs these workshops. She thinks this would be something to do before Christmas and maybe parents would like to get involved. These workshops would be priced at £30 per person; this would include all materials for the wreath, drinks and nibbles.

We discussed whether we would be able to fill 2 evenings of 30 people each at a cost of £30? Will it be profitable to FOAS?

Unfortunately we decided against this as it wouldn't be beneficial to us.

We said we could try and source and fund the wetsuits.

Movie Nights

We agreed that that we should continue to do these as the children like them, maybe one per term. We can only have U rated films. Suggestions welcome. Next Movie Night in January. Date to be confirmed.

Playground equipment

Mrs. McKinlay would like to spend some money on playground activities for the children at playtimes. Vicki handed round some ideas from Rachel. She eventually does want a skipping area, and to paint walls etc. FOAS to fund.

This equipment will be stored in the storage shed on the small playground, with a lock. She would also like playground leaders; these would then supervise these playground activities.

We discussed that the equipment looked a lot of money for what it was. Lesa explained they have previously bought playground toys but they have been broken. We are concerned about the quality of these products; can we find something of better quality?

Vicki to speak to Mrs. McKinlay about what is in these packs.

Playground balls – Yes

Becki suggested maybe having someone paint games on to the playground floors.

Panto 2019

This year's panto will be a morning show on Tuesday 10th December. Peter Pan in Northwich.

Tickets will be £8 per child; this will include a drink and snack.

Lesla has enquired for 3 quotes for coaches. Burland, Malbank and Walkers coaches. Still waiting to hear.

Lesla has asked these companies for a breakdown of costs for each school. Price to be split between all 3 schools, depending on their size.

Voluntary contributions were mentioned. FOAS have funded the coaches in previous years. Can we ask the parents to give £2 towards the coaches; this will bring the cost of the trip up to £10.

£6.50 – Ticket

£1.50 – Snack

£2.00 – Coach

Lesla will send out the panto letter, she will explain that a % of parents/children will need to pay for their panto trip for it to go ahead.

Ideas for spending.

We have about £4500-£5000 to spend.

Suggestions-

Air conditioners for Y3 & Y4

Bike racks for the front of school, to be ready in time for bike-ability on the 5/6 November.

The front garden needs tidying in preparation for this.

Next meeting agreed for Monday 11th November. Venue to be confirmed

LOTS TO THINK ABOUT, PLAN AND LOOK FORWARD TO!!!!!!

