

Friends of Slingsby School Meeting
Wednesday, 24 October 2018 at 7.20pm at Slingsby C P School

Type of meeting	Ordinary FOSS Meeting
Attendees: Staff	Mrs. Metcalfe and Mrs. Jordan
Attendees: Parents	Sarah Rayner (SR), Liz Wilson (LW), Sam Burnett (SB), Sonja Sedran (SS), Mary-Ellen Staley (MS), Kate Pope, Shania Sellers, Helen Garfitt, Helen Mackinder, Lu Turner and Kathryn Fairweather.

1. Welcome

LW welcomed everyone to the meeting.

2. Apologies

Jayne Goldsmith, Tamsin Smurthwaite, Nicola Holt, Tynke Bakker, Sarah Owens, Helen Scott and Emma Massey.

3. FOSS update of events

(i) *Christmas Raffle:* FOSS have ordered 2000 tickets, which is a lot more than last year, because they sold well last year and FOSS have managed to source similar great prizes. Also, the School has more students than last year. Ticket books will go out in students' bags before half term holiday and the raffle will be drawn on 12 December at the Christmas Productions. We will need more contributions to the FOSS hamper with a local theme.

(ii) *Christmas Productions:* These will be held on 12 December. FOSS will serve refreshments and will ask for donations of mince pies prior to the event. FOSS will also serve non-alcoholic mulled wine to save costs on the alcohol and the license. Prior to the day, there will be a non-uniform day with a tombola prize forfeit of chocolate or sweets. FOSS will need to recruit some volunteers to assist during the performances.

(iii) *Christmas Party:* On the day of the party children will be taken over to the village hall in their costumes by staff. FOSS has booked Magic Mike for the same price as was paid last year. Magic Mike is well liked by the children and stays for most of the party and also helps Santa Claus. FOSS will organize Christmas presents for the children and it was noted that there are approx. 90 students now. It was suggested that FOSS consider going to The Book People for the book presents. SS said that she and T Smurthwaite will look into buying books. It was noted that one way to help FOSS would be to take some books home for wrapping. It was also noted that with so many presents to be handed out, FOSS will need a strategy for making sure this happens smoothly and similar concerns were raised for giving food to the children. L Turner suggested having Santa Claus in the back room and calling up separate class groups which would help with flow of children and Magic Mike can continue to entertain other children.

(iv) *Working Parties*: FOSS will establish a working party for the major fundraisers. Scarecrow weekend – SB will lead the working party. Duck Race – LW will lead the working party. Shania Sellers volunteered to be on this working party.

GM noted that there are some children with severe nut allergies so all the food at events must be nut free.

(v) *Bags2School*: Collection will be on Thursday, 29 November. Bags will go home with students when we return to School after half term holidays. MS is running this event and will clarify with Bags2School what items will not be accepted.

(vi) *Halloween Disco*: Volunteers can come to the village hall to help set up from 2.30pm. MS to check volunteer list to ensure everyone will know when to be there. LW explained the normal running of the disco. A pumpkin carving competition will be held with Palace Cinema tickets as the prize. There will be an information list at the door for children who will be left there without parents.

GM noted that at this and all future events FOSS needs to take the school epi pen and return it the next day for school.

4. Volunteers group email list

FOSS will include a note in the School newsletter asking if people want to be on the FOSS group emails regarding events.

5. Fundraising ideas for 2019

FOSS holds other smaller fundraising events through the year like Quiz and Curry Night which is historically very successful. LW emphasised that FOSS always welcomes new ideas.

Shania Sellers suggested doing a sponsored reading event. Parents can sponsor their child per page or per book. FOSS agreed to explore that idea in the new year.

6. Any other business

No other business.

The meeting closed at 8.00pm.