

FOLS MEETING MINUTES – 13/03/17

Present: Siobhan, Emily, Sandra, Robert, Helen, Jan, Michelle, Kayleigh, Tessa, Shruthi

Apologies:

Easter Fun Day:

Thursday 6th April (1.30pm- 3pm)

FOLS have agreed to set up the event at 12.45 and we have some fantastic activities which are accessible for all students throughout the afternoon. Each class will be involved in various Easter themed activities throughout school time. A local supermarket has agreed to support the school with donations of eggs and chocolate, which is greatly appreciated. Those students who have dietary requirements will receive an Easter chocolate alternative. A flyer will be designed ASAP and sent home with students to inform and invite parents/carers to the event and request a donation for activities and cakes sales. We would be really over the moon if any cake bakers got involved and supported us to bake delicious home made cakes. The school council have agreed to help with the cake sells in the food technology room, it will be a lovely school community event before the Easter holidays.

We have been busy planning activities and we have a lot of exciting things in store, such as a custom made bunny board with custom made bean bags, Easter bonnet decorating activities for each class, treasure hunts and egg hunts. Homemade cake stall, Easter themed arts and crafts, colour matching, number and sensory activities for all. All students will receive Easter treats and rewards throughout the fun filled afternoon. For parent/ careers who are unable to attend the event, they have an opportunity to be involved with a home arts and crafts project of decorating a boiled egg with their child and bringing it into school.

School Council:

Siobhan gave us feedback from the latest school council meeting. An outside canopy is on the agenda and research into sourcing one is ongoing, fundraising ideas for the canopy were discussed and ongoing fundraising ideas are welcomed. The canopy will be used to open up the outside spaces to use through the year. Ideas for a school trip were discussed and ideas were shared, it was important that the venue is accessible for all and a local distance to reduce travel time for students. Different venues ideas were shared such as The Rowdy Cow, Hop, skip and jump and local country parks. Ideas will be taken into consideration and assessed.

Sensory Garden:

The sensory garden has kindly received a memorial bench, in the loving memory of Margaret, Lydia's Grandma. All donations were generously raised by Emily's family for the Friends of Larkrise School.

The FOLS group had the delight of being shown around the sensory garden, engaging with students and their teacher. It was so lovely to see what the students were working towards and the future plans/ mood boards that were underway. FOLS are really keen to support the students sensory garden and would be willing to dedicate their spare time into such a fantastic space. A further discussion on how we can support the students and resource all materials that they require will be arranged with them soon.

Website:

To update the website with current school news about iPads, iPad arms and Robert as new treasurer. To design a flyer to promote the school website and boast its accessibility to staff and parents/careers.

Silver Coin Trail:

With the past success of a previous coin trail among the students of Larkrise School, we have decided to arrange another one. A letter about saving silver coins and a confirmed date of the event will be sent out after the Easter holidays. The students really enjoyed making the coin trail last time, creating beautiful patterns and all working together to create a wonderful trail in the playground.

Treasures report:

We currently have £5,653.97 in the bank. A memorial bench for the new sensory garden was ordered and arrived on 21/02/2017.

Robert is now the treasurer, all responsibilities and account documents were handed over to him in by Sandra in the FOLS meeting. Robert needs to inform the bank that he is the new treasurer and has responsibility of accounts. The transactions this month were the iPads and the iPad wheelchair arms. Donations from Emily's family were kindly received and a memorial bench for the school sensory garden was purchased. Monthly statements are available in the FOLS pigeon hole.

100 Club:

Jan has put in so much effort and dedication into the 100 Club, keen to promote and recruit new members and also appreciate the current longstanding members too. Jan has designed advertisements, application forms, created posters for the staff room etc. Current long standing members have been emailed and thanked for their time as valued members. Jan wishes to promote the club as much as possible reaching out to parents, teaching staff and outside agencies that work within the school. A newly designed flyer application will be put in all pigeon holes & book bags.

March draw: 31 & 20

Dates for diary:

Next meeting: Easter day event planning

Monday 3rd April (12pm- onwards)

Venue: Doves classroom

Next FOLS meeting:

Monday 8th May (12pm- onwards)

Venue: Doves classroom