

FOLS meeting that never was Monday 09 October!

HALLOWEEN DISCO - it has been decided that we do not have enough time to organise one this year but will aim to do so next year.

AGM - Need to set a date and do a welcome letter for new parents. Emily to sort.

CHRISTMAS FAYRE - Date confirmed as Friday 01 December 3-5.30pm. School will close at 2.30pm. Stalls will be set up in the hall hopefully from lunchtime. Children will eat elsewhere. Siobhan will do a letter informing parents of early closure and telling them about the Fayre. Hopefully some parents will pick their children up from school and come to the Fayre! They will be allowed in at 2.30pm so stalls need to be ready!

STALLS - A few outside stallholders will be invited but these will mainly be family and friends - Emily to sort.

We want to do a plan of the Fayre this year to give to people when they arrive. We will therefore need to know what stalls the classes are doing and where they will be in plenty of time. PLEASE CAN WE HAVE THIS INFORMATION BY FRIDAY 17 NOVEMBER at the very latest. We thought it would be a good idea to include a bit of information on the plan detailing some of the items classes bought with the money they raised at last years Fayre. So it would be great if we could have this information also by 17/11.

Kayleigh has put together a fab list of stall ideas which I will send out separately. Siobhan if you could please share this with staff that would be great.

RAFFLE - We only want there to be one raffle this year. Last year there were loads and it got very confusing! FOLS will hold a raffle and all profits will go to FOLS to benefit the whole school. Kayleigh and Shirl will contact local businesses for prizes. If anyone else can think of people to ask for a prize please ask Emily or Kayleigh for a letter.

POSTER - Kayleigh will design a poster. We will need to get it out and about in the local community, Trowbridge, Westbury, Warminster, Melksham, in shops, community centres, libraries, other schools etc. Hopefully we will be able to get some Paxcroft School parents and children to attend when their school finishes at 3.10pm! We will get some copies out to people asap.

Emily has already created an event on Facebook and this has been shared a few times. Nearer the time we will share again and make sure it is on the local SPOTTED IN pages! We will also contact Wiltshire radio, Heart FM and Wiltshire Times.

GROTTO - FOLS will run the grotto this year and all profits will go to FOLS to benefit the whole school. We are hoping to have the grotto outside in the shelter in the sensory garden. We have already mentioned this to Lorraine. As it will be dark we can have fairy lights to light the way and decorate it. We are also hoping to have some real reindeer!! We will need to find a Father Christmas and get presents. Speak to Jo Burton about the Santa costume and how many presents they normally buy.

REFRESHMENTS - These will be served in the food tech room. We would like to have tea, coffee, cake, soft drinks, turkey and stuffing rolls, mulled wine and cider. We will need a licence to sell alcohol. Emily will speak to Sharon as she has got these licences in the past. We can ask for cake makers on Facebook nearer the time.

OTHER BITS AND BOBS

CALVERT TRUST TRIP - School are hoping to run a residential trip for some of the children to the Calvert Trust in Exmoor. This is a fantastic accessible facility where all children whatever their ability can get to try all sorts of activities. Emily visited the Calvert Trust in Northumberland this year and saw this at first hand. The trip will be in May 2018, children will be part subsidised by the Calvert Trust which is a charity and parents will make a contribution. School will have to pay for staff to attend. FOLS have been asked if they will help towards staff costs. I think this is a fantastic opportunity for the children and hopefully if successful it will become an annual trip. If possible FOLS would love to help fund this trip. Emily will be asking for more detailed information regarding the costs, watch this space!

TABLE TOP SALE - Kayleigh is hoping to organise a table top sale at some point. She is looking into halls. This could be a joint fundraiser for FOLS and Roundstone nursery where she works. More details to follow.

WHEELATHON - This has been very successful in past years and great fun for the children. We would like to run something like this to coincide with the Football World Cup and sports week next June.

Next meeting date Tuesday 07 November, 12pm. Venue TBC.

