

FOSB Meeting Notes
15th January 2018, 2pm

Present: Lisa King (LK), Linda Parkin (LP), John Parkin (JP), Laura Ryder (LR), Laura Bell (LB), Gemma Braybrooke (GB)

Apologies: Anna Costello-Mannering, Deborah Reardon

All attendees were welcomed by Lisa King and thanks were offered to all who helped with the Christmas parties.

The last school non-uniform day raised £270 and a donation has been made to the Family Trust. The cash needs to be banked. (LP)

It is believed that in the future the school intends to use more non-uniform days for the benefit of various charities. This caused great concern to those at the meeting, as these events are the main source of funding for FOSB.

Recruiting helpers for the larger fund raising events is becoming increasingly difficult, so some of the events did not take place during 2017. Consequently, the funds from non-uniform days are vital to the on-going activities of the group. It was agreed that an early meeting will be sought with Mrs Oakley, in order to clarify the situation and to make the views of the group known. (JP)

Dates for the non-uniform days that will benefit the pupils directly will be established in the very near future. (LK)

Lisa King informed the meeting that she has spoken to Mrs Oakley about standing down as Chair of FOSB later this year. Lisa has been in the role for three years and has worked hard to keep the group active during increasingly difficult times. It is clear that without additional volunteers for the FOSB group, particularly from parents whose children have recently joined the school, the events that the children enjoy so much will not be possible in the future.

Other means of raising funds for FOSB were discussed in general terms, as was the possible need for public liability insurance. These discussions were put on hold, until the meeting with Mrs Oakley has taken place.

The school has requested a banner for a parade later in 2018. This will be discussed at a future meeting.

Laura Ryder will progress the matter of the dormant bank account when she is next in her office. (LR)

The long standing issue of Kindles for the school was discussed and the general feeling was that the lack of progress on this issue indicates that it is not a high priority for the school and we should consider spending the money allocated elsewhere. This will be discussed further at a future meeting.

The next meeting is with Mrs Oakley on 22nd January, at 2pm.