

**Saxton Primary School
FOSS Minutes
12^h October 2021**

Present: Alice Connell 'AC' (Chair), Rick Weights 'RW', Eileen Watson 'EW' (Deputy Chair), Julie Charge 'JC' (Treasurer), Lucy Verlander 'LV' (Secretariat), Joann Blades 'JB'

Apologies: Teresa Forshaw 'TF', Katherine Firmin 'KF' Gemma Bosomworth 'GB',

<p>Annual Report</p>	<p>AC went through the 2020-21 FOSS Annual Report and JC the Financials for the last Academic year.</p> <p>All current FOSS committee members agreed to stay in role for 2021-22</p> <p>RW extended his thanks to all committee members for their continued help and support during what has been a very difficult time.</p> <p>(ACTION):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • remove Clare Barrowman from the list of trustees as she is no longer a member. • Add LV to the list of trustees.
<p>Financials update</p> <p>2020-21 income was generated via:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • £101 – Halloween activities (pumpkin carving and Halloween trail) • £80 - IQ cards (personalised Xmas cards) • £405 - Christmas Raffle • £83 - Chocolate Tombola • £165.50 – Sponsored cycle • £230 - FOSS Frozen Friday (ice creams) • £477.98 - Grimston Gallop (1 and 5 mile races around Kirkby Wharfe trails) • donations received from Easy fundraising, Stikins labels and smile.amazon.co.uk <p>FOSS now has a closing balance of £2,998</p>	<p>AC asked whether the money raised as part of the Grimston Gallop could be used towards sports equipment at the request of Dave Baxter who organised the event.</p> <p>Just Giving – this is costing circa £18 a month and we haven't yet made use of this service.</p> <p>(ACTION) – JC to cancel this and set up once we know we have cause to use it.</p>
<p>School Wish List</p>	<p>Long term the plan is to continue to raise funds towards fundraising for Willow to have a new canopy/shelter outside the front of their classroom. It is used as a learning resource, but in inclement weather is not possible to use. The anticipated cost for this project will be circa 10k. This is still in the early stages of planning but for now we have agreed to keep aside £1k of our FOSS funds each year towards this long term project.</p> <p>FOSS also recognise that there may also be other funding mechanisms that could be explored (Bramham school secured some Aviva funding to help fund improvements and there's</p>

	<p>also the Co-op who support local charities in the area). Needs further investigation once plans are closer to being finalised.</p> <p>Books: JB has requested some additional reading materials (specifically KS2 dictionaries, thesaurus' and PHSE books.</p> <p>(ACTION): JB to send over the details and quantities required.</p> <p>Bike Rack: A request has been received from the Saxton school ECO Warriors for a bike rack to encourage children, who live locally, to travel in on their bikes. This will be at a cost of £198.50.</p> <p>(ACTION) – AC to seek approval from Dave Baxter to check he is happy for the Grimston Gallop funds to be used towards this.</p> <p>Maple T-Shirts – a request has been made by JB to order some T-Shirts for Maple to support their attendance at "Young Voices" in Sheffield. There are 11 children in Maple and the cost is circa £10-£15 depending on size of t-shirt required.</p> <p>Christmas Panto trip – taking place on the 8th December. RW asked if FOSS could fund the coaches.</p> <p>Various outdoor items for the Willow play area – Polydron outdoor blocks, wooden hollow blocks for building, den making pegs, pond dipping equipment. (ACTION) - JB to send over details and costs for further discussion.</p>
<p>FOSS Facebook Page</p> <p>Updates and improvements are still required to the FB page which GB had previously said she would be happy to help out with. Alice has now given GB admin rights.</p>	<p>(ACTION) – GB to look at updating the FOSS Facebook page to include details about upcoming events etc. Can we also include details relating to promoting the use of Amazon Smile, plus any other easy fundraising mechanisms for parents to use.</p>
<p>FOSS Fund Raising Ideas for 2021-2022</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Halloween themed Bake Off decorating competition – bake a Halloween inspired cake and send your pictures in by 1st Nov to be judged. £1 entry per child. Winner will be chosen from each class. • Halloween Trail – building on the success of last years Halloween trail we are going to run another trail over the Halloween weekend. A series of pumpkin signs, each with a letter of the alphabet on it, will be put on display around Saxton village for families to find and spell out the missing Halloween related word. Each entrant is to bring the completed word 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • (ACTION) – AC to ask if KF would make the pumpkin signs. JB agreed to re-do the Saxton village trail map. We also need to ask 8 families if they would mind displaying a pumpkin sign on their front house window, or door to assist with the trail anagram

<p>back into school to receive their 'spooky' goody bag. £3 entry per child.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Festive Friday – now we are entering the autumn/winter months we are expanding our theme of 'Frozen Fridays' to 'Festive Fridays'. After the October half term we hope to provide some alternative fun offerings on a Friday after school e.g. Iced Fingers, Fondant Fancies. We hoped to serve some hot chocolate with marshmallows but this is a H&S issue so tbc. We will have a stall outside Willow as well as in the main playground • Film Night – a Christmas themed film night one evening in late November - date and film (tbc) • 5p challenge – during November each class will be challenged to fill up a 2ltr bottle with 5ps. First class to do this wins a prize • School Nativity – provide cakes/drinks in the church and ask parents/family members for a donation • Christmas Fayre - the Christmas Tree festival/switching on of the lights in Saxton is going to be over the weekend of the 4/5th December. The switch on is believed to be on the 5th. Plan is to hold our annual Saxton School Christmas Fayre that same weekend to maximise fund raising opportunities. • Crazy Hair day – children come to school either wearing a wig or some crazy hairstyle. £1 entry per child. • Big Breakfast – possible event one day in Jan/Feb where we provide a cooked breakfast sandwich. • Barn Dance - Our £50 deposit for the Ceilidh band has been transferred to 1st July 2022 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • (ACTION) - Volunteers will be required to help run the Festive Friday stalls. • (ACTION) – EW to speak with parents to try and identify a venue for the barn dance
<p>AOB A few parents have been asking about the Bags2School charity scheme – JB confirmed this is not yet running but will be in touch should this position change.</p> <p>AC mentioned Natasha's Law came into effect from 1st October which means that any food sold onsite by FOSS will need to be clearly labelled regarding ingredients/allergen information if a purchased pre-packed item e.g. cakes, biscuits, burgers/fast food. This isn't required for a homemade item such as a homemade cake, however allergen information should be communicated orally at the time of purchase.</p>	

The agreed date for the next meeting which will be held in person, at the school, at 7:30pm:

- Tuesday 9th November