FRIENDS of BJS MINUTES FROM AGM 17th SEPTEMBER 2020

NEW WAYS OF RAISING MONEY

There was a lot of chat about finding new ways to raise funds whilst Covid affects school life. Much scope for parents and guardians to donate money, or to arrange their own sponsored event in lieu of activities and money raised through fireworks, Christmas fair etc. This is an ongoing discussion and will be fine-tuned as we go along. Ideas include:

School Lottery

Jackie explained about this, a good concept and worth consideration.

Theme for donation

For example, donate what you may have saved on your tube fares etc.

Sponsored events at home

For example, movie night at home. The PTA could provide popcorn (or whatever it may be) for the children to take home on movie night.

Zoom School Quiz

KC to speak to Hannah, Isabella and Ben regarding hosting a virtual school quiz.

Zoom Disco

Steve to speak to Karen about hosting zoom discos.

Busbridge Treasure Hunt

Lorraine mentioned this as something we could do in the Spring.

Donations

There has been much interest from parents and guardians in Y3 to find out what the school may not be able to purchase due to reduced funds from cancelled events.
We will look into ways of setting up a donation scheme for those who want .

Wish List from the school

Mr Catchpole and Mrs Barker will get together a 'wish list', along with approx prices, that we can use as a tangible target for people to donate for.

Survey

Sarah will look into conducting some form of survey to get feedback from parents and guardians as to what they want to see the school invest PTA funds in

CHRISTMAS FUNDRAISING IDEAS

Wreaths

Lorraine will liaise with the church hall to see if we can have the hall on Friday 11th December (TBC) for rotating groups of 6 to make wreaths. This can happen immaterial of whether we are able to host a socially distanced Christmas event at school.

Christmas Puddings / Biscuits
Could look into new providers.

Christmas Hampers
The onus will be on parents (and Waitrose / Sainsburys) to provide the goods, rather than ask local business (given their businesses may have been greatly affected by Covid).

Christmas Event / Fair at School – pencilled for 12th December.
There is the possibility of hosting some kind of reduced Christmas fair at school - government guidelines pending. There could be a year by year rota so only a certain amount of people are in the school at any one time. We could also use more of the school to allow for greater social distancing. There is the outside area that could be used, and perhaps events on the field. All open for further discussion.

ALL OTHER BUSINESS

Chrome Books
Chrome Books are working well and one member of staff is learning how to properly operate the chrome books, so that she is able to teach the rest of the school.

Amazon Smile / Easy Fundraising
Rachel Roberts (Y3 rep) to include Amazon Smile in Easy Fundraising

Class List app
Jackie bought up the possibility of using the Class List app to replace the current system of class rep (and school) email communication. Lorraine has all the consent forms Y 3 – Y5, and KC can get Y6 consent forms in if we decide to go ahead with Class List this year.

Clear lines of communication
Also discussed was how best to clarify what information comes from the reps and what comes from the school office. As a general rule, any PTA messages can come from the reps, and all school related matters come through Liz et al. However this is a grey area and will be looked into again.

Weekly PE timetable
Rachel asked if the system of letting people know about the following week's PE timetable worked, and it was agreed that it does.

School uniforms
Sarah will speak to Kirsty about the possibility of parents being able to buy jumpers and cardigans from other outlets (Sainsburys etc) – as long as it is a direct colour match - and then iron on an official BJS logo.