Minutes for PATHS Meeting Friday 25th November 2022

Attendees: R. Lee, G. Jarmaine, E. Rudd, G. Lecointe, L. Sellers, S. Eastwood.

Apologies: K. White

Christmas Plan Progress Report:

Christmas Fete to take place on Thursday 15th December.

Christmas Fete activities to include things like: Ten Pin Bowling, Quoits, Snowmen, Golf or Hockey, Hook a Duck. One class at a time in groups of about 6 to rotate around the activities. Groups of 5 will break off from the hall to visit the Elf and receive Christmas Chocolate before returning to the hall and receiving goodie bag once all activities have been completed.

Year 6 to assist with the rotation and running of activities in the Junior school.

Art Scapers to be involved with Junior school fete.

Each child to receive a book on the last day of term.

Goodie bags to be ordered today and should arrive next week.

Books have been wrapped. Thank you Lynn.

New badge design has been done. Badges to be made. Thank you Gemma.

Plastic Free Recyclable Christmas Crackers has arrived for the Christmas dinner on Christmas Jumper Day the 14/12/2022.

Raffle prizes coming along nicely. Elfridge donations are progressing but need more if every child is to have one. Junior school are exploring ideas on how to make Elfridges work for them.

Staff hamper suggested as a raffle prize.

All attendees agreed on £5 per child for all Christmas activities.

Consider asking parents who work for companies like Tesco (and are entitled to staff discount) to purchase items such as chocolate reindeer.

Christmas grotto to go in Infant school research centre. Gabby has the grotto with gold glitter reindeer and white trees. She will set up. Thank you Gabby.

2 Christmas fairy costumes available from Gabby for anyone able to help on the day and is wanting to dress up.

Junior school children who wish to see the Elf will be invited to do so after school on the 15th December. The grotto will remain open for 1 hour to accommodate this. Tree house club open to Gabby for childcare if necessary to allow for this to happen.

How to make PATHS more accessible:

PATHS minutes to be posted on the school website and on the PATHS facebook page. Parents who are interested can request to have them emailed to them or can collect a paper copy from the office.

Unfortunately, we are unable to offer a creche service to enable more parents to attend the PATHS meetings as we do not have the staff to facilitate it. The next meeting will be held in the afternoon to see if this is a more attractive time. Evenings were suggested but staff members are reluctant to meet after their working day. If parents wish to meet in an evening and provide ideas to be fed back into the official meeting we can look into how best to facilitate this.

We need more parent volunteers to assist with events as well as people who can attend meetings so any contribution is gratefully received.

After discussion about Easyfundraising and evidence of how other schools in the area have raised thousands of pounds using this we will be setting this up in the new year and encouraging our parents to engage with this idea.

Looking ahead:

Proposal of Quiz or Bingo to be held at the school on the evening of 2nd February 2023. Rae to make a survey to see what parents' preference is on time and activity.

Gabby to organise half term disco 9th February 2023.

Next Meeting:

16th January 2023 14:15 Infant School Staff Room.

