



Friends of St. Helen's Catholic Primary School

FOSH meeting

Monday 13th January 2025

Present

Eilis Clark – Abdullah (Chair), Renata Gawlik (Secretary), Dominic Clark – Abdullah (Treasurer), Ruby Smith, Alison Greenwood – Kyett, Anna Tasfsoglou, Spyros Mouratidis

Absent

Welcome

Eilis Clark – Abdullah welcomed everyone to the meeting. Everyone introduced themselves to new members of FOSH.

Upcoming events:

7th February 2025 Disco

- FOSH is holding a school disco event as a fundraising activity, to raise money for enrichment programs, resources, and opportunities at the school whilst working towards our £ 5,000 fundraising target to achieve charitable status.
- Children will be divided into three groups:

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| Group 1 – Reception, Y1, Y2 | 2:00 pm – 3:00 pm |
| Group 2 – Y3 & Y4 | 3:15 pm – 4:15 pm |
| Group 3 – Y5 & Y6 | 5:30 pm – 6:30 pm |

The time needs to be confirmed with Liz by the committee.
- All members agreed that the price of the disco ticket should be set up at £4. The ticket will include drinks (fruit shoot or water) snacks (Haribo), glow sticks, and professional entertainment suitable for each group provided by TIDIMIX. Tickets will be available to purchase on School Getaway from 17th January 2025 till 31st January 2025.
- Pricing has been set to cover the cost of running the event and to allow us to fundraise.
- The price of £4 is equivalent to 1 hour of the after-school club, allowing parents for all their children to attend .

- Children can bring change clothes.
- Clear communication to go with a poster to parents about price, what tickets include, and an explanation that is a fundraising event.
- FOSH also agreed that if any of the families are struggling financially and still would love for the children to attend the disco, they should contact the office because FOSH is offering support.

6TH March 2025 World Book Day

- FOSH would like to organize a bookshop at the end of School World Book Day when kids with parents can go sit, read, and buy books for any price that they think is fair to pay. Any unsold books will be donated to the school library.
- FOSH will be selling refreshments during this event to fundraise money for our School council ideas.
- We need to ask parents for donations of preloved books to our Book Shop – poster to be created ASAP.
- Ask Year 6 children if they would like to be a part of this event.
- Look for volunteers, especially those with Retail skills.

25th & 26th March 2025 Mother's Day

- FOSH would like to do Afternoon Tea with cakes for chosen adult for Mother's Day. This event price will be covering just a price for supplies – we will not raise money at this event.
- There was an idea before to split children by houses to be with their siblings, and 2 houses will do Afternoon Tea on the 25th and another two on the 26th March but after consideration of hall compacity, FOSH members think that every year should have their hour set up and older sibling will come to youngest (similar solution to reading events). The FOSH committee needs to confirm that with Liz.
- Teachers should take kids to the hall to avoid the disappointment that some parents can't make it to this event.
- Kids whose parents can't attend will stay in the class and do icing biscuits one will be for them one for the chosen parent as a gift packed in cellophane bags.
- We need to create the FOSH Events Calendar ASAP – saying save the date so that all parents or guardians can plan to come to events.

Promoting Easy Fundraising – how can we raise awareness of it?

- Easy Fundraising is a free platform that allows us all to earn money for our chosen cause when we shop online. Over 6,300 online retailers including Amazon, eBay, Booking.com, ASDA or Tesco will give free donations when you shop with them.
- FOSH will create a video and a flyer with an explanation of Easy Fundraising and how is this helping our School.

Year Groups Coffee Mornings

- The committee decided that all year groups should have the opportunity to be a part of the school community and offer them coffee mornings during which they will have to get to know each other and their skills.
- The Committee will set up a calendar for those meetings.

Smarties Fundraiser

- We are planning to give all kids tubs of Smarties after the first half term with clear communication to parents that if they do some job around the house or help out family and friends they will be paid 20 p per job.
- They need to fill out the tube after Smarties with those 20p and bring them back before Easter Break. The year which one brings the most will win a prize for example: tickets to the cinema, slime station or bowling.
- Eilis will lead on this fundraiser.

FOSH as a platform between parents and schools.

- New members of FOSH gave us concerns to pass to the School about picking time – kids who are staying at after-school clubs shouldn't be taken outside for collection time – saying as well that they are treating FOSH as a platform to pass all concerns to the school. The committee will pass those concerns to Liz.

Year 6 – leavers party

- FOSH will contact Y6 parents with the question: What FOSH can do for you? - According to the preparation of leavers party.

Next meeting: date to flow

- All FOSH members agreed to consider scheduling meetings outside of Monday mornings because some volunteers can't join us during morning hours.
- We are planning to have meetings on Tuesday afternoon, Thursday evening, or Friday morning. The committee will schedule all dates upfront so that the rest of the volunteers can check their availability.