

Minutes – Fayre Feedback 8th December 2022

Attendees – Amanda, Laura, Michelle, Liz, Bogusia, Alex, Harriet, Patience, Aoibheann, Amelia, Kathy, Jacqueline, Simone, Claire, Louise, Penny

Nursery – Bouncy Castle

No feedback – it was a success but location wasn't obvious

Reception – Teacups

(Kathy) weren't working initially as waiting for Go Karts and one spinning uncontrollably. The opening for the line should be separate from the grotto – possible to move the entrance and queue towards bike racks?

The queue didn't work with the grotto or the teacups, was this to do with the power. Kids loved the ride and was enjoyed by all age ranges. We've always used PJ and never had issues before.

The power was overloaded (AC confirmed with Mr Kelly)

Kids missed the snowglobe. Feedback was bad because of the plastic but the kids enjoy it – need to check as grand scheme of things the plastic is minimal but need to gauge.

Did we need one more ride and should the bouncy castle be moved to the astro turf?

Had teacups and the inflatables instead of.

We've asked PJ to come and do a plan before but they've not been keen to do so.

Year 1 – Apologies from Kerry and Rachael

Feedback is what we come across every single year and it is all lessons learnt.

There is a need to be strict with the sorting, someone needs to police it (which should be done on the Friday).

Should we limit what people bring (amounts wise). Boxes need to be clearly labelled if need returning, although this is the first time that things have gone missing. We don't have room to store our own boxes.

No baby items – agreed as a whole.

Should we encourage quality over quantity?

It raises a lot of money so while it's hard, its worthwhile for the school.

We are faced with the same problems of excess toys each year, how do we make the judgment of quality.

Could we do it by day (categorise donations) – this bottlenecks as it's left in classrooms.

The toys team needs more volunteers and a suggestion raised as having a dedicated toys team (AA happy to head up this team if necessary).

Better contingency plan to move toys off site.

Should an older year group host toys as they tend to have more established relationships and gather more volunteers.

Should we communicate earlier that we need help on the Friday.

Can be communicated that we are a charity and it can potentially be booked off by people who work as a charity day if this is offered by their work place.

Year 2 – Go Karts

The kids are close to the Go Karts and need a way to keep kids safer (this relates to the queue).

Discussion over wristbands. It is a height issue rather than age, should there be a height barrier as a visual deterrent for smaller kids?

Year 3 – Facepaint/Glitter & Cake stall

Facepaint Need a whiteboard to hang prices rather than trying to find prices on the wall.

Hair chalks didn't work well, we need to find better options.

There's always a queue for facepainting, kids can wait.

Should we just do facepainting rather than offer additional things?

It's not high profit as it's included in the wristband but we should keep hold of it as it's fun and the kids love it.

Need to look at the queuing system – big thanks to the team

Cake Stall Ran out of forks and spoons but there was enough cake

Year 4 – Games

Sweets and games is a lot to run.

It didn't make as much as in the summer.

Pick n Mix might be a good idea but it cannibalises the sweet tombola.

Year 5 – Activity Run

Not getting it again!

Hard to man due to access on both sides that was not originally obvious and lots of wet feet!

Year 6 – Bar

A lot of booze leftover and couldn't work out what last year bought for bar. It was difficult.

Mulled wine amount was perfect to a T. When it ran out, people opted for beer and wine which is better for stock levels.

Everything flew off the shelves.

People commented on prices, but again it's all money raised.

Quiet in the first hour.

Cans need to be a universal price across FK and barbecue

Barbecue – Meat was from the rugby club, next year rolls will be sourced directly.

People liked the onions

Skewers were missed, but Darwin was away and couldn't provide them.

Grotto

Michael has agreed to arranging the structure each year so no need for star cloth.

We need to have a planning meeting ahead next year.

We need to have a look at how long each Father Christmas does – do we need a 90 minute shift as queues formed during the changeover times.

Too many children booked in for each slot and then children not arriving at the right time.

The queue was chaotic due to the location of the teacups.

Elves task list to help keep them warm
Aoibheann is already succession planning.
There were lots of older kids this year.

External Stalls – Signage would have been helpful.
Table prices as good based on feedback but it's hard to get people on board
More of a friends referral? There are lots of crafters internally.
We should look at shuffling around – ie in summer place outside.
Some people give percentages of their takings, should we explore this more?
Ice cream van is fab, we can't do our own ice creams because we have no freezers.

Great feedback from Mrs Boon.

We've always said no to estate agencies board but may be something to consider in the future. Pettyson's are generally big supporters of the school and we should approach first.

Should stalls be allocated?

The fire engine was brilliant – opportunities for other emergency services (and must be booked four weeks in advance as a minimum)

Quiz for end of January/first week of feb (dry January might be an issue).

We need to look at signage and site plans for future fayres. Site plan sent to Kathy and Alex to look at signage.

Vicky to host ticketing workshop