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FOPS AGM Meeting Monday 9th March 2026

Welcome- Jo, Adria, Emily, Craig, Sarah
Apologies- Helen

Correspondence

- We have had no correspondence or contact from any parents at school with regards to the AGM. This is very disheartening and a shame for the children going forward.
- FOPs had a piece in the Preston Newsletter this month.
- Jo to speak to Karis about having a Paradiso stall with Tropic products at the school fete this year.
- Village Hall booked for fete. Huge thank you to the Preston Sunday market for altering their date for us.
- Health and Safety visit to the school – FOPs sheds need cleaning out and gas bottles need removing and storing off site (before Monday 16th March).
- Would anyone have a cage or something similar to store the gas bottles back at school? If not, FOPs will need to purchase one ASAP.

AGM VOTE

- **Chairperson:**
 - **It is proposed that Jo will continue in this role**
 - **Seconded by Emily**
 - **The result is passed**
- **Treasurer:**
 - **It is proposed that Craig will continue in this role**
 - **Seconded by Adria**
 - **The result is passed**
- **Fundraising Co-Ordinator**
 - **It is proposed that Emily will continue in this role.**
 - **Seconded by Jo**
 - **The result is passed.**
- **Secretary**
 - **It is proposed that Adria will continue in this role.**
 - **Seconded by Sarah**
 - **The result is passed**

- **Sarah is being promoted to Fundraising Co-Ordinator**
 - **Seconded by Craig**
 - **The result is passed**

Jo and Craig will continue in their current roles but will be stepping down as of the next AGM which will be held in Sept/Oct 2026.

We will be urgently looking for new recruits. If you have ever thought about joining, please contact one of the current FOPs members.

School Fete 2026:

- Abby Nash confirmed for singing
- Classic cars contacted – not attending this year as clashes with Thanet classic car show
- Spoke to Hannah about a train.
- We are looking for any vehicle great or small to come and show – few contacted us last year about coming
- Choir TBC
- Jo to message regarding flower stall
- Closer to time ask village for helpers to set up/pack away/help man stalls
- Buy a couple more pop up gazebos
- Start to collect items for fete – toiletries, alcohol, jars etc to spread it out more.
- 27th March – Toiletries for non-uniform
- 24th April – non-uniform for £1 donation and bring Jam jars
- 5th June – non-uniform for alcohol
- 26th June – Teddy donations

Treasurer's report-

£12,609.93 instant account
£119.13 treasurer's account

Money out –

- £7.23 and £129.67 for Valentine's disco
- £129 Easter eggs

Money in-

- £405 for Valentine's disco
- £408.35 for Christmas tree recycling in cash
- Valentines disco profit was £268.10
- Request from school for £1406.50 still to pay

Future spending-

- No requests at present

FUTURE DATES

- Cinema night for kids – Friday 20th March (date to be finalised)
- Summer Fete - 28th June 2026
- End of year summer party Friday 10th July

VALENTINES DISCO FEEDBACK

- Any outstanding donations please pass to Mrs Taylor in the office.
- Slightly less attendance than last year, but this is due to it being the last day of term. Try next year the week before school breaks up.
- Music worked well without a DJ.
- Next year do a song request form before disco so we can make a playlist beforehand.
- More decorations for next year.
- No fizzy drinks next year, too many spilt and cans not being drunk.
- Change permission slip to white for next year.
- Overall kids had a great time, night was a success.

CINEMA NIGHT

- 20th March – date TBC with Mrs Clements
- Kids to vote from a list of movies
- Come in PJs, bring blankets and pillows etc
- Kids to bring own water bottle – filled with water only
- Jo will go over movie list with head boy and girl to decide on last 2 movie options

EASTER

- 2nd April will be egg hunt at school
- We have a new resident Bunny this year..... watch out!

OPERATION PLAYGROUND

- To be discussed at next meeting

Next Meeting – Week commencing 27th April TBC