**MINUTES**

**4th March 2021 – Tavernspite Garden Centre**

##### Present:

##### Jeremy Cross (Chair/Sec) [jeremyalancross@gmail.com](mailto:jeremyalancross@gmail.com) 07775711701

##### Jess Erskine (Vice-Chair)

##### Kevin Phelps (Headteacher)

##### Helen Bantock

##### Cathy Cannaby

##### William Perry

##### Donna

##### Welcome

##### Jeremy welcomed everyone and thanked Kevin for attending. Jeremy noted this was the first meeting since the AGM and outlined that we now needed to plan the year ahead, especially as we had already hit the target of the school getting new iPads.

##### iPad update

##### Kevin updated us that Princess Gate Water are donating 15 iPads based on our contact and discussions.

##### Chromebooks

##### Kevin mentioned that a new goal for FoTS fundraising can be to raise money for new Chromebooks so that all children can have one. We could raise money initially for Year 3, progressing to Years 4, 5 and 6. A Chromebook costs approximately £200 and there are 120 students in Years 3-6 so a amount per class would be £6000 and a total would be £24000.

##### Action: to discuss and agree at FoTS committee meeting

##### Ukraine support

##### We discussed how we might support the current crisis in Ukraine. Kevin shared that the school was planning a Ukraine colours non-uniform day on Friday 11th April and we agreed that FoTS would also put their name towards it.

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##### Asymmetric week

##### Kevin shared an update on the Asymmetric week proposal that had been discussed at the recent Governor’s Meeting and asked attendees for initial feedback. We agreed that, if the practical issues, especially with extended childcare arrangements on Friday afternoons could be resolved, that it was a great idea for the school and all stakeholders.

##### FoTS meetings in future

##### Helen B raised that more regular meetings to discuss issues with other parents was of great value in her previous school and wondered whether FoTS meeting could be more regular and/or at different times for inclusiveness.

##### Action: JC to ask Kevin about reinstating Friday 9am FoTS coffee mornings.

##### Clothing fundraising

##### William P raised the issue of selling seasonal (e.g. Christmas jumpers) and fancy dress clothing at regular intervals. This would need to be collected and put in our school storage and then sold every term. We have also been offered some other second hand items from house clearance which could be sold at the Fun Run day.

##### Meeting ended at 10.30am.