Hartwell Primary School

Friday 29th April 2022

Friends of Hartwell Primary School (FOHPS) – Extraordinary General Meeting

Dear Parents,

I am writing to on behalf of our school and FOHPS. Sadly, our Chair, Kieran Gray, has stepped down from FOHPS. Whilst Kieran served for a relatively short period of time, he served diligently organising a highly successful Christmas Fair at short notice and brought some great new ideas for running FOHPS. We thank him for his service to our children and school community.

Without a Chair to the committee, FOHPS cannot continue to run. There is an interim measure in place for this Summer Term, however without a Chair, FOHPS can no longer function next academic year.

Annually FOHPS contribute £15 for each pupil towards school trips, plus supporting whole school projects. They were instrumental in securing our running track, they pay for each child to have a 'chair pouch' and they bought our beautiful reading bench. Just a few examples of their good work.

Currently, Mrs Bruce and I are working on a project to remove the black safety surfacing from the playground and replace it with 'wet-pour rubber crumb'. In addition to this, a couple of the pieces of equipment will be replaced. The quote on this project is just in excess of £20,000. FOHPS have committed £5000 towards this project now and would like to be in a position to provide further financial support – this relies on FOHPS continuing.

With this in mind, I ask as many parents as possible to come to the **FOHPS Extraordinary General Meeting on Tuesday 10th May at 6pm. The meeting will be in the school hall. If you don't have childcare, please bring them with you and we will provide it.**

By coming to the meeting, we can discuss together a way forward to ensure FOHPS continues. If you attend the meeting there is no expectation that you are volunteering or committing to an active role within FOHPS, rather it is about sharing your ideas and opinions to find a solution for our children.

I look forward to seeing you there,

Jamie Pardon

J. Pardon

Headteacher