

# Fenstanton and Hilton Primary School Newsletter

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Apologies that the newsletter is a little late this month.

## **OFSTED**

The staff worked their socks off for the inspectors last week. The inspection team were supportive and helpful. They delved into every part of school life as they wanted to know what it was like to be a child at Fenstanton and Hilton School. The formal report will come out towards the end of this month and I will write to you all to explain the report in more detail. I will also be holding an information session for parents to go through the report with you and what it means for a school in 2017 to be inspected by OFSTED.

## **NEW DEPUTY HEADTEACHER**

I am delighted to unveil Mrs Laura Cooper as our new Deputy Headteacher. Laura currently teaches in Year 5 and has been with us since September. Laura has had a lot of experience teaching in a wide range of primary schools. Together with the Senior Leadership Team and wider staff, we will be making sure your children get a first rate education.

## **SOCIAL MEDIA**

At the end of last half term I sent out a letter that the cluster heads had put together regarding social media. Parental groups on Whatsapp or Facebook messenger or a similar platform are a great way of sharing information – I do it myself as I am the absent parent at my son's school gates! However the same applies for these groups as stated in the letter. If you have an issue then please bring it to the school's attention, either through the class teacher or myself. It is never acceptable to discuss a member of staff through these forums. Please also make reference to the 'Parent Protocol Policy' that came out to you over half term as it is stated explicitly that parents should 'not use any social media platforms for the purposes of complaint'.

## **CHURCHYARD**

Please could you remind your children that if they travel through the churchyard to or from school on their bicycle/scooter then they should dismount their bicycle or scooter. We have had several near misses with younger children nearly being hurt by children who are travelling very fast through the churchyard. I commend their enthusiasm in wanting to get to school but urge caution in making sure everyone arrives here safely.

## **PARKING**

I am still getting frequent feedback that parents are parking inconsiderately on the road towards school. Please can I remind you that we have full use of the church carpark. I am working with local PCSOs to ensure that the children's safety is adhered to, so do expect there to be a police presence before and after school in the near future.

## **TIMINGS**

There is a wealth of information on our website, including the timings of the school day. Our aim is to keep to these to maximise safety in our school and ensure optimum learning time.

On a personal note, I absolutely love being in school in the run up to Christmas, we have plenty of exciting events planned as we draw nearer to what can often be a magical time in a child's life. Thank you for your continued support, thank you for responding to the homework questionnaire and thank you for making this a fantastic school to work in.

Kind regards,

Claire Worth

Headteacher