

# The FenHil News

'Respect, Honesty, Kindness and Collaboration'

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Dear Parents and Carers,

## PTA news

The Christmas Fayre is three weeks tomorrow!

Next week is **Tombola week** and children will get 10 house points for every prize they bring in. The theme is **Christmas Stocking**. All we ask is that prizes are new (but not expensive) and suitable for children. For example, Christmas stationery, hair accessories or deely boppers, small toys/games, sweets or chocolate (no nuts), gloves, scarves, etc. We rely entirely on donations for the tombola, so thank you in advance.

Don't forget the competition to design the cover of our Christmas Fayre Programme. Each entry costs 50p and children can enter as many times as they like. Entries need to be with the office by the end of the school day on Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> November and the winner will be chosen on Monday 25<sup>th</sup>. There are some hard copies of the template at the office, if you can't print at home.

We'll also be holding a dress-down day on **Friday, 22<sup>nd</sup> November**. We are asking for a £1 donation, which will go towards funding raffle prizes, in addition to those donated by the community.

**Raffle tickets** will be coming home next week, so please look out for these in your child's bag. Tickets are £1 each and there are some fab prizes to be won!

**Helpers** – we *always* need helpers at our big events. Anyone can volunteer, so perhaps ask grandparents, aunts, uncles and friends if they could lend a hand too? Every helper will get a mince pie and a glass of mulled wine to say 'thank you'. We especially need a couple of volunteers to help man the BBQ. If you can help, please email us on [fhpspta@gmail.com](mailto:fhpspta@gmail.com).

Please keep spreading the word: It's **Saturday, 7<sup>th</sup> December between 2 and 4 pm**, and open to all. We'll have a licensed bar and hot food available (and you can pay contactless), plus lots of fun stalls, crafts and games. It's going to be great!

## **Diary dates:**

- Tombola week: 18-22 November
- Dress-down day for £1: Friday, 22<sup>nd</sup> November
- Deadline for programme competition entries: Friday, 22<sup>nd</sup> November
- Raffle tickets on sale from: w/c 18 Nov
- Christmas Fayre: Saturday, 7<sup>th</sup> December: Christmas Fayre, 2–4 pm
- Christmas present rooms: Monday 16<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> December, over lunchtime

## Preschool Update

A successful free flow environment offers rich play and learning experiences for all children. Play, for children should be intrinsically motivating says Professor Tina Bruce and that is something Preschool has strived hard to provide. Our free flow environment provides the children with many rich experiences that allow them to grow greater independence, progress at their own rate, help them to make their own decisions and stimulate their physical well-being. We have worked hard on our outside area, bringing in as many natural resources as possible. We are also very excited about our new lower level picket fence that will go in soon. This will allow us easier access to the forest area and integrate us fully now that we are a part of the school. We welcome show rounds so please feel free to email us if you are interested in seeing our rich and stimulating environment.

Email: [esmythparker@fenstanton.cambs.sch.uk](mailto:esmythparker@fenstanton.cambs.sch.uk)

## Fitness Classes and Tai Chi Evening Classes

We have a varied range of fitness classes held in the school hall in the evenings on Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday.

Monday 6.30 – 8.30pm – Tai Chi

Tuesday 7.30 – 8.30pm – Supply Strength

Thursday 7.30 – 8.30pm – Dance Aerobics with Salsa

Please see the flyers attached for Tuesday & Thursday evenings and the contact details for Tessa Adams who has run these classes in hall for many years.

### **Name the Gritter!**

Cambridgeshire County Council, are having new **Gritters** delivered this Autumn.

They are now asking pupils to **NAME THE GRITTERS**

We are looking for **INNOVATION, IMAGINATION**, and of course **HUMOUR!!**

**The lucky winners** will be invited to a naming ceremony at one of our depots in the county and **will all receive a Road Safety Goodie Bag and a picture of their Gritter!**

**Please email your entries including:**

**Name of Gritter**

**Name of child**

**School child attends**

To [Lyn.hesse@cambridgeshire.gov.uk](mailto:Lyn.hesse@cambridgeshire.gov.uk) by Friday 15<sup>th</sup> November (Today!)

### **Final Entrance Sculpture**

I am pleased to tell you that Key Stage 2's final sculpture, representing our school value RESPECT is now complete. During University Time, I asked the children to sum up respect in one word and whilst most words were a sign of how wise our children are, one word kept cropping up.... LISTENING !

So, for our sculpture this time we decided to make a sound sculpture and looked at the work of American-Italian Sculptor Harry Bertoia.

His pieces came about when he was bending a single wire and it broke off, flew through the air and made a wonderful sound. It made him wonder what two or twenty pieces might sound like.

We too have created our sculpture using the material metal and just like Bertoia we experimented with more than one piece to produce a pleasing sound.

I do hope that when you pass by our sculpture you can take a minute to stop and listen.

Mrs Flinders

### **Book People**

A kind parent has alerted me that when purchasing books through The Book People you can donate money to the school at no extra cost. You can donate £1 for every £10 you spend. Something to consider when buying those all-important Christmas presents this year.

**And finally....**

Have a wonderful weekend with your families,

Kind regards,

Claire Worth

Headteacher