

Happy weekend everyone. Thank you to all the staff who have been working so hard to ensure that our online learning offer continues to improve. Thank you to those that have taken the time to give us feedback on home learning - we were pleased with the positive feedback about the work being provided and will also be adding some further pick and mix activities for children to do to encourage them to use and apply their skills and learning in different ways and some additional challenges.

Thank you to Frankie for posting our favourite comment of the week: We do appreciate how

 so proud of all the parents and teachers Thankyou xxxxxx

difficult it can be to be working from home and home schooling. Many of the teaching team are also having to do the same.

Remember to be kind to yourselves, remembering 'Clap for Heroes' is for parents too!

The government expectation is that children in Key-stage 1 should have access to 3 hours online learning and in Key-stage 2 they should have 4 hours.

We aim to ensure that we meet this expectation. However, we also know that every family is different and all we ask is that you and your child try your best. We know that for every family the balance will be different - we understand and want you to know it is fine to work through what you can, in the way that suits you best as a family.

We will be providing a number of ongoing activities and projects that children will be able to undertake in addition to the work being set on google classroom – we will be careful to not use the word “optional” but will offer additional house points for completing challenges.

Have a look at the reading Bingo activity that is attached. We hope that you have been enjoying the assemblies, we hope to add more soon - look out for the additional challenges that lead on from these too.

Please remember that as well as providing online learning, staff are also working in school looking after the children of critical

workers and vulnerable pupils. This means that there will be days when they cannot respond immediately to questions and queries. Staff will be providing regular feedback when they can so check your child's classwork page.

We understand that some of you have had difficulties with receiving messages via the Google Classroom. The easiest way is to log into the Google Classroom via the app, using your child's login details and you will be notified of all messages. The system has a number of ways to communicate with pupils/parents and we are working to ensure that this is consistent from class to class.

The app is also the easiest way to upload pictures of pupil work too.

We have posted a help video about this and hope to add more soon. We hope that this, as well as the 'Quick Guide' for parents helps. (You can see this here:

[Parent's Quick Guide to Google Classroom & Tools](#)

Please get in touch with us if you have any tech queries and someone will be in

touch to help where we can.

Classes are starting to hold regular google meets and will hope to begin expand this so that more children are able to access face to face sessions.

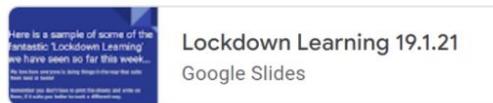
We have tried to schedule the sessions at different times across the day to reduce clashes between the class meets (as this presents a challenge to those with siblings in different classes. We hope to share a timetable with you of when these will occur for your child so that you are able to build these sessions into your routines at home.

Thank you for your continued patience as we set this up and expand the programme.

Over the last three weeks the staff have been busy creating Learning Packs, for every child – with a variety of equipment that each child can use at home.

Different families find different ways of undertaking work better so we have tried to include various types of activity. We hope to share regular samples of home learning - you can see the

one posted earlier this week on the Class streams: There is also an exercise book in the pack, that the



children can use for their learning rather than printing work if you find this easier.

We are not able to deliver the packs to individual families but will be providing appointment times when these can be collected from the front entrance of the school. You should receive further information about these via the google classroom over the next few days.

Please encourage the children to look after these packs as we will need you to bring them back into school when we reopen to all children, whenever that will be, as they are the toolkits we use with the children in class. We hope you will find these useful.

PTA News

Great news! We have reached our initial 50-ticket target for the school lottery. This will raise £1000

a year for the school! So, a massive thank you to everyone who has signed up for tickets.

You can still join the lottery, and the more people signed up, the higher the prize money for our weekly draw. You're also in with a chance of winning the overall £25,000 jackpot and prizes in the extra draws Your School Lottery runs (see leaflet for this month's extra prize). Tickets are just £1 per week and remember, the lottery is open to everyone and you don't have to live in Fenstanton or Hilton or have a child at the school to play. Get your tickets at:

[Fenstanton & Hilton Primary School - Support.](#)

The first draw took place on Saturday, 9th January and our first ever winner

was Melanie Bruce, who won the school jackpot of £20! Congratulations, Melanie!

If you're using Amazon for any home-schooling supplies, please remember to use **Amazon Smile**, which raises funds for school, at no cost to you. Go to

<https://smile.amazon.co.uk>

. Then, directly under the main search bar, click on the 'AmazonSmile' tab. Once there, you can choose or change your selected charity. Simply pop '**Fenstanton & Hilton School P.T.A.**' into the search and select us for your fundraising.

Remember to sign in with Amazon Smile every time you shop.

As a PTA, we're already looking ahead to the summer term. We are booking another Bag2School collection for after May half term, so please keep that in mind for any Spring cleans you do. We're also working on a Big Summer Raffle. This was going to be a Spring draw, but we have

postponed this until the summer term. We have already secured some brilliant prizes, so you won't want to miss it.

Look out for more info on this in future newsletters and on our Facebook page: (<https://www.facebook.com/FenstantonandHiltonPrimaryPTA>).

**On behalf of
Cambridgeshire County
Council:**

Make it a Happier New Year
for children and young
people in care

2020 has been a difficult year for us all, but even more so for the children and young people who go in to 2021 without a stable home and loving family. This New Year we are looking for people who are determined, energetic and caring, to become foster carers.

Fostering with Cambridgeshire County or Peterborough City Councils means you are fostering with a local authority that truly cares about you and our children. We offer comprehensive training courses both before and during your fostering adventure with us. We also allocate a social worker who will support you and we also provide a 24/7 helpline so you will never feel alone!

Remember if you are a Cambridgeshire County Council or Peterborough

City Council employee and undergoing an assessment as a foster carer for either council, (with agreement from your line manager), you are entitled to additional annual leave of up to 5 days to attend training courses.

So whether you are single, married, retired, working or a full time parent to a birth child YOU CAN FOSTER!
Make this a happier New Year for our children and

young people. To find out more, call 0800 052 0078, text FOSTERING to 60777, email fostering@cambridgeshire.gov.uk or visit www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/fostering