

Fenstanton and Hilton Primary School and Nursery

Newsletter: July 16th 2021

A message from the Headteachers:

Once again, due to unprecedented times, we have had another very unusual academic year. As the end of this busy year draws to a close we would like to thank you for all your support during this very challenging time.

Despite this, what a fabulous final week of term the children have had! The children have all enjoyed their transition days in their new classes. They have been busy learning about the artists their classes are named after and have all produced some fantastic art work ready for display in September. What a lot of talented artists there are here! Our wonderful Y6 Leavers have had a fantastic 3 days - here are just a few pictures.



Sadly we will be saying good bye to Miss Mahmood at the end of this term and we wish her luck and happiness for the future. Luckily Mrs Carminati is increasing her hours to full time next term to provide continuity for the children in Warhol. We will also be saying goodbye to Mrs Dalton at the end of this week and we are sure you would like to join us in thanking her for all her hard work this year improving the quality of provision at the school.

As you already know, Mrs Roberts and Mrs Calverley will be the Head Teachers from September. It has been very strange not being able to have parents/carers in the school this year and we are very much looking forward to re-opening in

September when we hope school life can return to normal. Hopefully we will be able to open the school doors and welcome parents in to see the dramatic changes made to the school environment and attend events in school, although this obviously will be subject to the official guidance at the time. We will provide details on this once the new school year has started. From September, we are no longer required to keep classes in separate bubbles and, therefore the start and the end of day arrangements will alter to the following plan:

Pre-school and Reception will start at 8.50am and staff will meet the children and their parents/carers outside the Y1/2 outside area. Please use the main gate when arriving. At the end of the day the pre-school children will be collected from this area at 3pm and Reception children will be collected from there at 3.15pm.

The rest of the school (Year 1-6) will also be welcomed through the main gate and directed to their classrooms at 8.50am each morning.

At the end of the day Year 1 and 2 (Key Stage 1) will finish at 3.15pm. Parents can access the school through the main gate to stand and wait near the children's classrooms for them to be dismissed.

Year 3, 4, 5 and 6 will all finish school at 3.20pm, with parents also accessing the school through the main gate to collect their children.

If you would like your Year 6 child to walk home alone, permission must be given to the school for this to happen. This

permission will need to be provided in writing. Children in all other year groups will need to be collected from school by an adult.

All the staff at Fenstanton and Hilton Primary School will continue to do all that they can to support children emotionally and socially, as well as enabling them to reach their personal milestones and catch up on any gaps in their learning when they return to school.

Vision Statement

Congratulations, you have all collectively voted on a new school vision! Thank you very much for your votes.

This Vision represents our school's ethos - what we do and why. Through our behaviours and practices the vision is something to stand by and be proud of; clarifying where the school is, where it is going, and acts as a guiding light for the school.

And the winner is.....

We believe a happy child is a successful child! Learning should be vivid, real, and a joy in itself. We aim to create a safe, positive, and stimulating environment for all children, and see emotional well-being as the beating heart of our school.

We are driven by the goal of nurturing our children's natural curiosity so it grows into a passion for learning that lasts a lifetime.

We truly believe that by encouraging responsible, ethical, creative and compassionate children, we

can give every child the ambition to DREAM, BELIEVE, and ACHIEVE.

Finally, we wish you all a restful and safe summer break and look forward to seeing you all in September.

PTA News

Here we are at the end of another very different school year for us, for our children and our school. We made it!

The end of the school year always means changes to the PTA and this year is no different. This year, we say goodbye to our brilliant Chair, Becky, as well as Emma P and Emma WS (who is taking a gap year from PTA). A huge thank you to all of you for your contributions over the years.

A new PTA will be coming together in September with Ruth and Kelly as co-chairs and we're looking forward to (hopefully) bringing back the fun activities and events that the children love.

We are *always* looking for new people to join us though. New people and new ideas = more fun and more funds raised. You don't have to be at every meeting or every event and every little helps. If you want to know more about how you can support the PTA or get involved, please message us on fhpspta@gmail.com.

Have a wonderful summer break.

Free Maths books from Morrisons!

White Rose Maths is proud to team up with leading supermarket, Morrisons, to give primary pupils a series of exciting and **FREE** workbooks to use at home. These colourful and engaging workbooks are perfect for revisiting and practising work that children have covered earlier in the year, or to prepare them for the new school year ahead.

Parents and carers can collect the books from 26 July onwards at any of Morrisons' network of stores nationwide. All they need to do is to call in at the 'Children's Little Library' in their local Morrisons store during their regular shop, and collect their free copies!

Families are welcome to take one free copy per pupil from Y1 to Y6. The workbooks contain a link to the answers, too.



Dates for the Diary

Mon 6th Sept – Term Starts
Fri 22nd Oct - additional day off to benefit from the Queen's Platinum Jubilee bank holiday on 3rd June 2022
25th-29th Oct – Half term
17th Dec – Autumn Term Ends