

The FenHil News

'Respect, Honesty, Kindness and Collaboration'

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Dear Parents and Carers,

PTA News

The PTA would like to thank everyone who contributed to the Christmas Fayre! We made a fantastic £1700, which is going towards the Accelerated Reader programme for school.

Next week, we will be running the PTA Present Room. This is a lovely opportunity for your child(ren) to choose and wrap a present for mum, dad or another special person. Gifts are £3 each. Please return your forms and money by Friday 7th December.

And finally, a PTA plea: Would any dads be willing to join our Friends list to help at events? We know that not everyone can help at every event, but it would be wonderful to have more dads involved with the group next year. Please contact us (fhspta@gmail.com) to add your name to the list.

Diary Dates

* **Present room (Juniors): Tuesday, 11th December (over lunchtime)**

* **Present room (Infants): Wednesday 12th December (over lunchtime)**

Attendance

Our whole school attendance is currently 97% which is a whole 2% over national expectations and 1% up on last year! Thank you to all parents that have made this happen, the little things like booking non-emergency medical appointments out of school time all make a difference and make sure your children have optimum learning time.

Christmas Jumper and Dinner Day

We will be holding our annual Christmas Jumper day on the same day as Christmas dinner next Thursday 13th. Children should wear normal school uniform on their bottom half with a festive jumper on the top. We will be collecting money for Save the Children, suggested donation £1.

Accelerated Reader

You will have seen from the PTA news that they have kindly contributed towards us buying Accelerated Reader for the children. This is a way of assessing the children's reading through fun quizzes and comprehension tasks. It will also contribute to a numbering system that we will adopt in the library. More information to follow but other schools have really seen the impact of engaging readers and families in reading. This is something we feel is paramount in a child's education.

Christmas Concert in Church

We are lucky enough to have the church as our venue for our Christmas Carol Concert this year on Tuesday 18th December. Church volunteers including Mrs Saunders, Mrs Henderson and Mrs Hucklesby will be working with the Year 6s who will perform the nativity story. This was a highly enjoyable event last year. We again can offer parents a seat to come and watch but priority will be given to the Year 6 parents as their children will be performing. The carol concert will start at 9.30am.

Sports Report

On Wednesday 5th December, Fenstanton & Hilton's Football A Team played Hatton Park A Team in a friendly football match. Despite constant rain, the team put in a strong performance and thoroughly deserved the 2-1 victory. Throughout the first half, Fenstanton were first to the ball and Stan and Freya in particular were constantly putting pressure on the Hatton Park team which resulted in two well taken goals from Kian either side of a well struck Hatton Park equaliser. The second half saw a revitalised Hatton Park take the game to us more but good defending ensured we hung onto the win.

The whole team played well but particular mention must go to Max for marshalling the defence with great confidence. However Player of the Match was team captain Aaron for superbly winning ball after ball while in midfield and then putting in an energetic second half

goalkeeping to keep a clean sheet. Many thanks to all the parents who braved the weather and helped get the team to the match, their support was much appreciated.

Village Light switch on

This evening our school choir will be singing to open the Christmas light switch on at the Clock Tower. They have been asked specifically to do this, which is a real honour. If your child is involved please take them to the clock tower for 6.25pm, if you can let Mrs Walden know that you are doing so she would be very grateful. Please email her on: lizrwalden@gmail.com

Running Club

A reminder that our last running club will be this Monday 10th December. Our wonderful helpers have suggested that the children come along in a festive hat to mark the end of the term. They would also like to issue the children with a biscuit. If you do not want your child to partake please let the ladies know when you drop off.

Twitter competition

We are running a competition to get to 100 followers on our twitter page – please follow us for fun and interesting daily updates about our wonderful school. The 100th follower will get a prize. @fenhilp

Christmas Card competition

Members of the senior staff at the Holiday Inn, Huntingdon Racecourse came into school today to present Jack from Reception with a massive bag of goodies and a print of his card. Well done to Jack, who was chosen the winner by a local artist and all of the entrants who were of an extremely high standard.

Guitar Lessons

Looking to buy that special Christmas gift? Our resident guitar teacher, Mr Cory has 1 30min weekly lesson slot (8.30 - 9.00), and 1 15min weekly lesson slot during the school day available after Christmas on Fridays. If your child is aged 7 or above and would be interested, please contact Mr Cory via email at jimmypagefans@hotmail.com with your child's name, class, school and contactable home and mobile phone numbers. Please note that these slots are available on a first come, first serve basis.

Church Carpark

Thank you to those of you who park in the church car park. Please do be aware of small people when you are reversing as we have had a couple of near misses this week.

Have a happy weekend with your families,

Kind regards,

Claire Worth,

Headteacher