

The FenHil News

'Respect, Honesty, Kindness and Collaboration'

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Dear Parents and Carers,

We have really hit the ground running this term, there is excellent learning happening across the school with some truly engaging topics being covered.

PTA News

The PTA will be running a Bag2School collection to raise funds on **Friday 16th November**. Please start gathering up your unwanted clothes, shoes etc. and look out for the collection bag coming home in the next few weeks. The PTA can collect bags (from Fenstanton or Hilton) the day before the school collection. Please email fhpspta@gmail.com to arrange.

For a full list of what can be collected, visit: <https://bag2school.com/what-we-collect>

Reminder – the AGM will be held on Monday, 8 October at 7.00 pm at school. If you'd like to help out at events without joining the committee, why not become a Friend of the PTA? Email fhpspta@gmail.com to join our Friends list.

And why not follow us on Facebook (www.facebook.com/FenstantonandHiltonPrimaryPTA/) or Twitter (@FenHilPTA)?

PTA Dates for your diary:

AGM - Mon 8th Oct 7pm

Disco - Fri 12th Oct

Movie Night - Fri 9th Nov

Christmas Fayre - Fri 30th Nov

Choir

Liz Walden has started Choir again. This is an opportunity for all Key Stage 2 children to learn and perform music pieces. If your child is interested then please advise them to sign up at the music room (old ICT suite) from 1pm on Tuesday.

Attendance

Please make sure that your children are on time for school each morning. Mr Morris locks the gate at 9am, so the children need to be in their class settled and parents need to have left the site by this time. Doors open at 8:50am. New parents also need to know that from September 2018 I will be fining any families that take their children out of school, on holiday for more than 3 consecutive days (6 sessions). This is a ruling that the school have been advised by the Educational Welfare Team and that existing parents have had plenty of notice of. We can also issue fines for 'suspected holidays' so it is always worth being honest with us. Unfortunately I am unable to authorise holidays unless there are extreme, extenuating circumstances. All fines are issued at the discretion of the headteacher. Our whole school attendance last year was 95% which is in line with national figures. However we would love to improve this, this year.

Harvest Festival

Next Thursday, in collaboration with the church the children will have their Harvest Festival Assembly. Every Year 6 child will make their own loaf of bread and a shared 'Harvest Loaf' the day before to present to the school. We will be making donations to St Ives and Godmanchester foodbanks. It would be really great if on Thursday children could bring in a donation from the following list:

UHT milk, tea bags, coffee, squash, long life fruit juice, tinned cooked meat, tinned vegetables, tinned fish, pasta, pasta sauce, rice, tinned fruit, tinned custard, biscuits, cream crackers, jam, tinned rice pudding, pot noodles, tinned or packet soup.

On this occasion, due to space we cannot accommodate parents but I will make sure I take photos to tweet.

E-safety

As part of our PSHE and Computing curriculum we teach the children about keeping safe online. This often raises awareness of worrying activity, most likely that children are playing games with a high Pan European Game Information (PEGI) rating, which is a recommended age rating. It is parent's discretion whether they adhere to these advisory ratings but please be aware that this can sometimes cause issues in school and that we may need to talk to you. For more information on various online games and apps, including youtube. Please go to the childnet website – www.childnet.com

Lockdown/Fire Drill

This term your child may come home and discuss a lockdown or fire drill procedure with you. These are unannounced drills but we do prepare the children. This is not to alarm or frighten the children but to make sure that they are aware of exactly what to do in an emergency. If you would like to know the policy on either of these then please talk to a member of the Senior Leadership team or request our policies.

Contact Details

We would always prefer that you talk to us face to face, however we do appreciate that this isn't always possible. To reduce the amount of emails coming into the office account and ensure that you get a quicker, more personal response we have decided to provide you with teachers' email addresses and why you might contact them. You can expect to get a reply when reasonably possible and within 48 hours. Please only email during the working week, as emails will not be answered over the weekend.

Please see opposite for details:

Thank you for your continued support,

Kind regards,

Claire Worth,

Headteacher

Email address	Nature of contact
office@fenstanton.cambs.sch.uk	Admin, dates, events, general queries
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nthompson@fenstanton.cambs.sch.uk and kperry@fenstanton.cambs.sch.uk	Enquiries or concerns about Reception children
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