

## **A message from the Headteachers:**

We would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone in the communities of Fenstanton and Hilton for all your support in ensuring that our school has remained open this term by adhering to all the social distancing guidance. The children and staff have worked exceptionally hard during these very challenging few months to ensure that teaching and learning continues despite the pandemic. We are all so proud of the enthusiasm and love of learning we have seen from the children as they come into school each day and immerse themselves in the learning in the classrooms.

As we reach the end of this first term, it is understandable that by now staff and children are tired. School has been different, and it is hard for children to be confined to bubbles for the duration of their time in school, but they have all done so well. We would like to take this opportunity to wish you and them a very well deserved Christmas Break and a very happy new year.

### **Applications for Reception:**

If you have not already submitted an application for your child for entry into Primary/infant school in September 2021, please note that applications must be completed and returned to the Admissions Team by the closing date of the 15 January 2021. There are two ways to make your application. It can be done either:

- Online via the website [www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/admissions](http://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/admissions)
- On a paper application available by calling 0345 045 1370. Please note that if you apply on paper, you will need to wait for your postal offer, and will not receive an email on the offer date.

Please also note that if your child has an EHCP you should contact the Student Assessment Team (SAT team) on 01480 372600.

Any applications made after the 15<sup>th</sup> January 2021 will be considered as a late application. These applications will be considered in May 2021, once all the "on time" applications have been offered places, so it is very important to apply by the closing date.

### **Change of footwear:**

In order to ensure that all the children are able to get outside at break and lunchtime we will continue to use the field. As it is getting muddier on the field, children can bring in a change of footwear (welly boots) for use outside.

### **Parking in and around the school**

Please continue to avoid parking outside the school and use the church car-park when bringing and collecting your children from school. We want our children to be safe.

### **PTA News**

Great news! Thanks to the support of parents, carers and friends, we are just two tickets away from hitting our 50-ticket target for the new school lottery. At 50 tickets, the lottery will raise **£1000 a year** for the school! So, a huge thank you to everyone who has signed up already. And if you haven't, there is still time to join the lottery before the first draw on Saturday, 9<sup>th</sup> January! Tickets are just £1 per week and remember, the lottery is open to everyone, you don't have to live in Fenstanton or Hilton or have a child at the school to play. Get your tickets at:

<https://www.yourschoollottery.co.uk/lottery/school/fenstanton-and-hilton-primary-school>.

If you're using Amazon for any last-minute **Christmas shopping**, don't forget 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.

We wish you all a very happy and peaceful Christmas and look forward to bringing more fun to the children next term.

### **Guitar:**

Our resident guitar teacher, Mr Cory, may have some available slots for the forthcoming school term. If your child is interested in learning the guitar, please contact Mr Cory via email at [jimmyspagefans@hotmail.com](mailto:jimmyspagefans@hotmail.com) with your child's name, parent/guardian name, school name, class teacher's name, and lesson duration requirements (15min - £8.25 per session or 30min - £16.50 per session) & mobile phone number. Please note that if you have already joined a waiting list, then your child will be the first to be offered lessons, and that these lessons are available to children aged 7 and above.

### **Term Dates:**

Autumn Term Ends: 17<sup>th</sup> Dec  
Spring Term Starts: 5<sup>th</sup> Jan  
Half Term: 15<sup>th</sup>-19<sup>th</sup> Feb  
Spring Term Ends: 26<sup>th</sup> March  
Summer Term Starts: 12<sup>th</sup> Apr  
May Day: 3<sup>rd</sup> May (school closed)  
Half Term: 31<sup>st</sup> May-4<sup>th</sup> June  
Summer Term Ends: 16<sup>th</sup> July