

The FenHil News

'Respect, Honesty, Kindness and Collaboration'

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Dear Parents and Carers,

PTA News

We are delighted to say that the discos last week raised over £800, which is amazing! So, a big 'thank you' to everyone who came and boogied and to all the helpers.

After half term, you can look forward to Movie Night, as well as the Bag2School Collection and the Christmas Fayre. Watch this space for details. Happy half term!

PTA Dates for your diary:

Movie Night - Fri 9th Nov

Bag2School – Fri 16th Nov

Christmas Fayre - Fri 30th Nov

Miss Thomas is getting married!

Our beloved Miss Thomas, who teaches Birch class is getting married on Sunday. We wish her a joyful day and a long and happy Marriage to Callum. After half term, Miss Thomas will be known as Mrs. Wilkins! What an exciting time for her, I am sure you will join me in wishing her the best.

Art Gallery

Thank you so much to those of you who came and supported our Art Gallery this week, it was amazing to see the quality of painting that the children have produced. Look out for our next one, next half term!

Safeguarding

Please make sure that if you are in school at any time, including after hours that the office know you are here and what you require. You should not move round school independently, this is important for the safeguarding of our staff after school and now that we have children in school for various clubs and FunTimes.

Speed Stacking Competition

On Monday 15th October 2018, because of rainy weather the 2 Year 6 Classes; Pandas as well as Turtles, could not do their planned netball competition. Instead, they did an interhouse speed stacking contest. Farah came in 4th place, Kahlo was 3rd, Hawking came in 2nd place, which means Rowling came first. Whilst one class were taking part in the activity, the other class were cheering and encouraging them. This all took place in the central area (outside the two Year 6 classes). Mr Cox explained to both classes how to play. We used three different sizes of cups; colossal red cups which were difficult to manoeuvre, also we used the usual sized cups, that we learnt how to use, then we used the tiny, miniature cups which were very tricky to use. We all really enjoyed this activity, and we hope to do it again, we thought our first interhouse competition was a great success.

Seth, Carly and Sky in Year 6

Thank you for your continued support and co-operation.

Mastering Chemistry

On Thursday 18th October, 5 year 6s went to Kimbolton School for a chemistry masterclass. It involved lots of experiments using elements from the periodic table. There was a series of loud bangs and light displays. Many children from the audience became involved and a couple of adults. Many children enjoyed it and our school should definitely participate again!

By Grace and Georgia

Clubs

One of the main things that parents spoke to me about when I first started at this school was a lack of extra-curricular clubs. We have worked hard to up the amount of clubs that we offer, such as Magic, and various sporting activities. These have had an extremely poor turn out this term. To the point that JS Sport who provide archery, kurling and magic plus the Dance Club run by Ali Thompson have had to stop coming in as it is not financially viable. This is such a shame as it was my impression that parents would love their children to take place in fun and varying clubs. I would love to hear your feedback as to why there is such a low uptake – is it a marketing, communication issue or is it something else. Please do catch me on the gate or email me if you have any helpful feedback that we could use in future club planning.

I wish you all a happy and restful half term, and look forward to seeing you all on the other side.

Kind regards,
Claire Worth,
Headteacher

Encouraging Positive Behaviour

Jane Rogers, an excellent Early Intervention Family worker is running another workshop next term. This time it is open to all parents interested in learning a few more Positive Behaviour strategies to use with their children. Jane is welcoming of all parents and it is a lovely time to get together and share strategies as we can all find parenting challenging from time to time. The Workshop will be on Wednesday 14th November from 2pm. Come along and I guarantee you will find it useful.

School Lunches

We are now half a term into our new catering contractors and apart from a few teething problems all is working well. I encourage parents to come in and try a school meal as they are delicious – I eat one every Friday and can speak very highly of them. Speak to the office if you would like to come in and eat with your children.

Cambridge and Peterborough SEND strategy

Our new Director for Education, Jon Lewis and the SEND (special educational needs and disability) team have developed a new SEND strategy for Cambridge and Peterborough. This may directly affect you as parents of SEND children. You also may want to read this through and respond via a survey please follow this link:

<https://www.smartsurvey.co.uk/s/SENDstrategy/>