

The FenHil News

'Respect, Honesty, Kindness and Collaboration'

March 2nd 2018

Dear Parents and Carers,

What an exciting week it has been in school, we have had extreme weather, including a '5 minute blizzard' which then immediately turned into beautiful sunshine on Wednesday! We have welcomed some very interesting characters into school for World Book Day and we have had a fantastic Book Week. I hope all your children are now inspired to go and read a new book!



Fish Tank

We have now had a couple of offers of help for the fishtank – phew! Thank you so much to Gabriel in Reception's parents & Mr Jablonska, Grace's dad for the offer of help and thank you Andrea for coming in this morning to clean our tank!

Attendance Certificates

I would just like to reiterate that the certificates that I gave out last Friday were generated by an automated report from our information systems. The certificates were awarded for half a term's attendance, not their yearly attendance, which may slightly differ. This is the fairest way that we feel this system will work. Good attendance is always a big contributing factor to the children learning well and making good progress. Which is the whole reason they come to school, not just a tick box for Ofsted.

Outdoor shoes

Please ensure your child has a change of shoes in school. These need to be outdoor shoes, not their PE trainers. As we go outside, rain, snow or shine please make sure your child comes to school with the correct attire. We would like to avoid mud and snow being walked into school.

Snow Joke!



We had fun on the field building snowmen and making smiley faces, snow animals and other crazy things! The snow looked like little angels falling from the sky. We watched the snow in class and in assembly, but we did also pay attention to Mrs McKay and Mrs Worth! On Wednesday there was a very big snow storm but I called it a blizzard. At breaktime we built an igloo but sadly it collapsed on the inside, however it was still a great laugh. By Liam in Year 6

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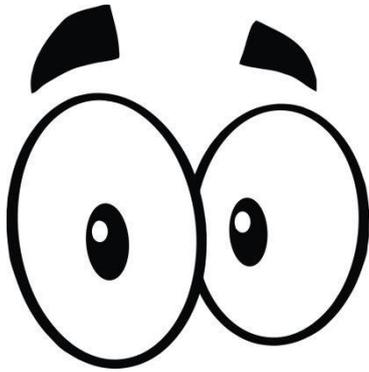
Next Tuesday we will be holding our Mothers' Day Present Room for the children to come and choose a present to wrap for mum. The children really enjoy this and a few even manage to keep the gifts a surprise until the day!! They do often remind us that chocolate is for sharing though.

We have arranged another **Bag2School Collection for 9th May**. Bag2School is a company that give money for any unwanted clothing, bedding etc. so please hang on to anything we may be able to use as we are paid by weight. Bags will be coming home when we return after Easter ready for you to fill.

Thanks again for supporting the PTA. We can be contacted on fhpspta@gmail.com

Governor Update

Governors have been busy this term catching up with the staff on the action plans that are now in place following Ofsted – we are really pleased with the work that has happened so far and the impact it is having across the school. We are positive that you can see it in the work of the children. A particular focus for governors this term has been supporting and challenging the English team. They are been working hard to improve the writing of the children including spelling, punctuation and grammar – a key area for the school to develop. The children are also rising to challenge and the work has been fantastic. We have also been looking at more ways to support the budget – so any ideas on funds that we can bid would be greatly appreciated. Just contact Jenny Volp – Chair of Governors – if you know of anything that could help.



Maths Eye

Mrs Cooper has launched ‘Maths Eye’ in school. Each week the children will be given a picture of something that will spark conversation about Maths. This could be number – counting, addition, subtraction or they could come up with more creative examples of maths talk and ask questions about shape, space or measure with regard to the photo. Each week the Photo for that week will be put on the website to encourage ‘Maths talk’ at home. You will be amazed with what you children come up with!

World Book Day

What a wonderful turn out for world book day – the children really did look fantastic in their costumes. Thank you for the effort you made, putting the children’s costumes together, I know first hand this year that this requires a lot of time and effort. Thank

you to those of you who also sent Extreme Reading pictures in, please look out for these on the website.



Have a great weekend everyone, I will be relaxing in my Sylvanian House with a good book!

Kind regards,
Claire Worth
Headteacher