

# The FenHil News

'Respect, Honesty, Kindness and Collaboration'

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Dear Parents and Carers,

## **Running Club**

Running club will resume on 14<sup>th</sup> January – please sign up at the office. There are a few places left. This is a new term so an opportunity for new people to sign up. Please make sure an adult has signed the form before the club starts. We will have to be strict about children not taking part until an adult has signed our permission sheet.

## **Music update**

Last Term was a great term for music, with the KS2 choir performing at both the Christmas Fayre and the village lights switch on. This was the first time the choir had taken part in a community event and it was a real triumph, well supported and greatly appreciated. Our singers did us proud. In December several piano students took part in my annual charity concert, helping to raise a record £390 for our chosen charity, The Separated Child Foundation, which offers support to refugee children who arrive in the UK without their parents. Congratulations to Ruby E, Amelia, Sophia, Esmee and Ruby M for their impressive solo performances. On January 21st at 9.15 am there will be a piano assembly, so that all of my pupils can have the opportunity to perform to an audience. I look forward to seeing as many parents, aunties, uncles and grandparents there as possible. In the meantime, Merry Christmas, and thank you for your ongoing support!

Mrs Walden

Mrs Worth update - We are also looking to hold another assembly for those children who learn an instrument with another teacher so that everyone can have the chance to perform.

## **HLTA**

We now have three more Higher Lever Teacher Assistants in school. Mrs O'Hare, Mrs Flinders and Mrs Turner all worked extremely hard last year to achieve the status. Their acquired learning means that their involvement in teaching and learning can be greater and

it has broadened their knowledge of developing young minds. This can only improve our school community. Congratulations to them! Massive achievements.

## **Twitter**

Please follow us on Twitter, there will be a prize for the 100<sup>th</sup> follower, I post the assembly music and frequent updates on there, along with pictures of developments in the school.

## **NSPCC**

Next week the NSPCC will return with their 'Speak Out Stay Safe' campaign. Some of you may remember that this got TV coverage last year! There will be a workshop for parents on 'e-safety' on Wednesday morning straight after drop off – please come to the hall. Then representatives from the charity will deliver two assemblies and a workshop for the older children. This is a really important part of our safeguarding provision. It would be lovely to see as many parents as possible at the workshop on Wednesday. We are constantly hearing about children having trouble online and with their mobile devices, these issues naturally filter into school too. We have an e-safety input into our PSHE and Computing curriculums however the majority of children will use online games and devices at home so it is important that you hear the messages too.

## **Schools Funding**

As you will be more than aware there is a lot of media coverage about a lack of funding in schools. Across Cambridgeshire, including in our school there is a severe lack of funding and therefore there are fewer adults per number of children. We also increasingly need to look for ways to make money and bid for grants for 'extras'. We are currently bidding for a large sum of money to provide the children with an 'outdoor classroom' which would be multi-functional. However if you feel passionately about a lack of funding you can sign a petition at this address:

<https://petition.parliament.uk/petitions/232220>