

# The FenHil News

'Respect, Honesty, Kindness and Collaboration'



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Dear Parents and Carers,

## PTA News

The PTA want to thank everyone who has helped them raise over £3000 this term - which is absolutely amazing! The funds raised will be supporting the school's Accelerated Reader programme. We're looking forward to bringing the children many more fun events next term, but in the meantime, we wish you all a very happy Christmas!

## Thank you PTA!

I would like to extend my thanks to the hardworking volunteers that make up the PTA and friends. Without your commitment and time we would be without those much needed top up funds that all add to the ongoing success of our school. We plan to hold an afternoon tea to say thank you to all our volunteers in school next term so please do look out for that.

## KS1 EYFS Nativity

Last week after weeks of preparation the children took to the stage, and boy did they deliver! They performed brilliantly and confidently and made us all so very proud. Thank you to the staff who worked so hard on making sure the children were 'performance ready' and showed their commitment in staying late in the evening to support their lovely classes.

## Whole School Charity Donations

We have also been busy raising money for some wonderful charities this term. Over £450 has been raised by our children. This includes, £117.71 for the Royal British Legion for Remembrance Day, £216.85 for Children in Need and £116.00 for Save the Children. This is a phenomenal amount when it can be a very demanding time of year in terms of money. Thank you for your support, I know the charities will be grateful too.

## Christmas Concert in Church

We are lucky enough to have the church as our venue for our Christmas Carol Concert this year. Church volunteers including Mrs Saunders, Mrs Henderson and Mrs Hucklesby will be working with the Year 6s who will perform the nativity story. This was a highly enjoyable event last year. We again can offer parents a seat to come and watch but priority will be given to the Year 6 parents as their children will be performing. The performance will be starting at 9:30am and there will be seating at the back for parents.

## Running Club

Many children received certificates today for their running club commitment over the past few weeks. It is becoming a real success. The children love it, thank you to our lovely volunteers who show up, every week come rain or shine!

## Twitter competition

We are **still** running a competition to get to 100 followers on our twitter page – please follow us for fun and interesting **daily** updates about our wonderful school. The 100<sup>th</sup> follower will get a prize. @fenhilp

## Guitar Lessons

Looking to buy that special Christmas gift? Our resident guitar teacher, Mr Cory has 1 30min weekly lesson slot (8.30 - 9.00), and 1 15min weekly lesson slot during the school day available after Christmas on Fridays. If your child is aged 7 or above and would be interested, please contact Mr Cory via email at [jimmypagefans@hotmail.com](mailto:jimmypagefans@hotmail.com) with your child's name, class, school and contactable home and mobile phone numbers. Please note that these slots are available on a first come, first serve basis.

### **A final, important update from the Head...**

What an incredible term it has been. We continue to make excellent progress towards our Ofsted targets but also look at how we can improve the school as a whole. The staff work extremely hard (often behind the scenes) on all sorts of projects that can enhance your children's lives at school and we have many more exciting projects to come. Last night the Pre-school committee and parents voted in favour of our school taking on the pre-school. This means that we would be responsible for the staff and children and it will further aid our transitions. The pre-school is to become part of our school. This is a really exciting opportunity for us to give all of our children the very best start. It also shows the incredible trust that existing and new parents have in our school. More updates will follow next term.

All that is left for me to say is that I wish you a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. The children have been a joy to be around this term and although it is hard work getting special events to come together, being with them makes it all worth it. It truly is the best time to be in a Primary School. The Worth Family have been in Christmas flow too this week with Nativities and Carol Concerts aplenty. Christmas becomes exciting again once children are involved and seeing their faces light up makes everything worthwhile. The best part for me is visiting and hosting family, and that is no easy task when you are an Irish Catholic! Whatever you may be doing I wish you happiness and goodwill. See you in the New Year.

Kind regards,

Claire Worth,

Headteacher