

The FenHil News

'Respect, Honesty, Kindness and Collaboration'

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Dear Parents and Carers,

PTA News

Our Fathers' Day Present Room ran really well this week. The children enjoyed coming and choosing a gift for dad. We hope all you dads enjoy your surprise on Sunday and we wish you a very Happy Fathers Day!!

We are now putting all of our efforts into organising this year's Summer Fayre which will be taking place on Friday 6th July from 6-8pm. Further details, and requests for your help, will be coming out in the next few weeks so please do help support us along the way. It's very much a 'team' effort to make it a success.

We can be contacted via our email: fhpspta@gmail.com

Maths for Parents

The University of Cambridge are running a free event for parents to find out how you can 'explore maths in a far more family-friendly form than just homework'. It is for parents and children aged 8-13. Leaflet on our website.

21st June, 4.30-6pm. Pre-book on Tel: 01223 746237

Absence and Holidays

A reminder that unfortunately I am unable to authorise holidays unless there are extreme, extenuating circumstances. Please note that from January 2018 schools have been advised to issue penalty notices (fines) to any family taking their child out of school for more than 3 consecutive days. This is at the discretion of the Headteacher. **I will be fining any holiday taken for more than three days from September.**

Waitrose

A reminder that we have been chosen to receive funds from the 'token drop' at St Ives Waitrose during the month of June! This is very exciting, as the money will be put towards revamping our library. If you can shop at Waitrose during this time I would encourage you to do so as the more tokens, the more money we will receive.

Piano Lessons

My name's Liz, and I have taught piano at Fenstanton and Hilton school for nearly three years. More recently I established the KS2 choir, which rehearses from 1-1.20 pm on Tuesdays. From September I am looking to increase my hours, and still have some spaces for new piano students, from year two upwards.

To give you a little bit of information about myself, I am a PGCE qualified teacher of music and additionally hold a Trinity College diploma in instrumental music education. I have experience as a classroom practitioner from reception right through to A level, but more recently have returned to the piano teaching as this is what I enjoy the most, with over 20 years' experience in this field.

My ethos is that music is for sharing and musical education is for all. There is, however, no 'one size fits all' approach, so I take pride in tailoring my piano lessons to suit pupils' learning styles, building on their strengths whilst nurturing any less confident areas. I use a range of primers and other teaching materials (such as flash cards and rhythm books), and use both Associated Board and Trinity for piano examinations. My pass rate for examinations is 100%, with many pupils achieving merit or distinction, but exams are not for everybody and for me it is the enjoyment of music which is paramount.

I ensure that regular performance opportunities are afforded to my pupils, and enjoy putting on music assemblies at school; these have been well received, with friends and family encouraged to attend. However, I will never pressurise a pupil to perform if he or she is not ready.

If you are interested in your child starting piano lessons in September, please contact me at liz-alex.walden@ntlworld.com Early booking is advised, as music is well supported at Fenstanton and until recently I have had a long waiting list.

Liz Walden

Scouts Big Breakfast

On Saturday 23rd June the Scouts are hosting a 'Big Breakfast' from 8-11am at the clock tower. There will be a selection of full breakfasts, bacon and sausage rolls, cakes and a tombola. Come along and get involved!

Emergency Access!

Please **DO NOT PARK** at the entrance to/ and down School Lane if it will obstruct and prevent Emergency Vehicles (ambulance, fire engines etc), delivery vehicles and refuse trucks.

Access to School Lane yesterday (14.6.18) was prevented due to other car users parking without considering the other larger vehicles which frequently visit school. This occurrence happens far too often.

To ensure the school can function effectively our service providers need access at all times and most importantly in an emergency for the safety of the children and staff.

Uniform

May I just remind you that the children should come to school in school uniform. This includes grey or black trousers, shorts, dresses or skirts and a blue polo shirt with a blue jumper or cardigan.

Hair accessories should be small and discrete. A uniform should be a reflection of how the school views their ethos, our children should be smart and well turned out to reflect the hard work they put in each day.

Mural Workshop

Excitingly, there will be another mural painting workshop next Sunday 24th June in the morning. Look out for timings, next week.

Important Date

Open Evening: 9th July 6-7pm

Sports day: 26th June KS1 AM and KS2 PM.

Reserve days:

KS1: 3rd July

KS2: 4th July

Thank you for your continued support, I hope you all enjoy a pleasant weekend.

Kind regards,

Claire Worth,

Headteacher