

The FenHil News

'Respect, Honesty, Kindness and Collaboration'

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Dear Parents and Carers,

PTA News

The PTA held its first meeting of the new year on Monday to plan the Spring term's events (see diary dates below).

Our first event is the ever-popular disco on Friday 1st February. For infants, this will be straight after school until 4.30 pm. For Juniors, doors will open at 4.30 pm and the disco will be 4.45–6.00 pm. We've listened to feedback from parents with children in both KS1 and KS2 and have timed the Junior disco to start earlier, enabling parents to pick up Infants at the same time as dropping off Juniors. Look out for an email next week for KS1 replies - we are trialling the paperless route for responses like school as started using, with a possibility of payments via SIMS Agora too!

Later in the term, we'll be holding after-school chill out (movie) nights. This time, these will be on different evenings for KS1 and KS2. This enables us to show different films, as well as holding an event on an evening other than a Friday.

PTA have explored the possibility of holding more events on other evenings, but note that there are after-school activities taking place and hall bookings from external parties Mondays to Thursdays. This limits which events we can organise on other nights, but we've listened to parent feedback and we'll endeavour to run some events on other days, where possible.

The PTA is always open to suggestions on how to make our events more inclusive to all children. If you have any feedback or suggestions in relation to any of our events, please get in touch at fhpspta@gmail.com. If you prefer to provide feedback anonymously, please drop a note into the school office and they will make sure it gets put into our tray in reception.

PTA Spring term diary dates

* Disco and non-uniform day – Friday, 1st February.
Infants: 3.30–4.30 pm; Juniors: 4.45–6.00 pm (doors open at 4.30 pm)

* Infant Chill Out: Thursday 14th March (3.30–5.00 pm); film TBC

* Junior Chill Out: Friday 15th March (3.30–5.30 pm); film TBC

* Mother's Day present room: Wednesday 27th March, over lunchtime

Music assembly

Parents are invited to a Music Assembly on Monday 21st 9.15am. You should know whether your child is playing in this. We look forward to seeing you.

Twitter

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

NSPCC

Thank you to those of you that came to the e-safety parents' workshop on Wednesday. I think it was a bit of an eye opener for us. Next the week we will be taking part in 'Buddy's Challenge' which will be taking place in PE sessions. Your children should have brought a sponsor form home. We managed to raise over £500 last time we did this for NSPCC so it would be great to better this.

Tuck Shop

A reminder that Tuck Shop takes place on a Tuesday and Friday morning. Everything is the bargain cost of 20p an item and Mrs Cooper works hard to provide the children a wide variety of healthy snacks to take out the play with them. Pupil Premium children will have a snack provided for them for free.

Lunchtime Co. Taster

We will be organising a taster session for parents to come and sample the delights of our new catering company. Our chef, Helen cooks the most fabulous meals and there is always a wide variety to choose from. Please look out for our tasting date.

Social Media

Parental groups on Whatsapp, Facebook messenger or a similar platform are a great way of sharing information – I do it myself as I am the absent parent at my children's school gates! However if you have an issue then please bring it to the school's attention, either through the class teacher or myself. It is never acceptable to discuss a member of staff through these forums and can be deemed libellous. Please also make reference to the 'Parent Protocol Policy' that came out to you previously and is on our website as it is stated explicitly that parents should 'not to use any social media platforms for the purposes of complaint'.

Thank you for your continued support, we appreciate you talking to us so that we can work together. You will always be listened to.

Kind regards,

Claire Worth,

Headteacher