

## **A message from the Headteachers:**

This week I had the pleasure of joining **Klee** class and observed a wonderful forest school session under the trees on the field. The children listened attentively as they safely made a fire and popped their own popcorn in the open fire, all the time reinforcing the phonics lesson that had taken place in the classroom earlier that day. This was such a rich learning experience, a joy to be part of!

**Birthdays:** Celebrate your child's birthday by donating a book to the class. As a healthy school, we are encouraging the sharing of books to celebrate your child's birthday, instead of sweets. We would encourage you to buy or bring in a book to share with the class. If you purchase a book for the class, please feel free to write in the front cover that this book was donated by you to celebrate the birthday of your child. We believe this is another important way to encourage the love of reading and celebrate a birthday at the same time.

Class teachers would like to remind all parents and carers that the **Accelerated Reader quizzes** are for completing in school only. Thank you for your continued support.

**Hardship Fund:** Due to the kindness and generosity of Ash's, the local village shop, we have been donated a sum of money to support children and families. Therefore, if you would like to know more about the use of the **Hardship Fund** and to see

if we can help to support you, please do not hesitate to speak to Mrs Calverley or Mrs Roberts at your earliest convenience.

**School Photographs:** A reminder that you might want to make sure your child hasn't spilled their breakfast down their sweatshirt before they come to school on Monday, as school photographs are taking place on Monday! Sibling group photographs will also be taken.

## **Covid-19 Update:**

You may have seen in the news yesterday that schools in Cambridgeshire are being advised to bring back some of the precautionary measures we had in place last year, this is as a result of an increase in the number of children having positive PCR tests in our region. We have been asked to implement the following advice.

***The advice covers the next three weeks until half term and includes:***

- ***Secondary schools reintroduce face coverings in communal spaces, but not in classrooms. Primary school staff may wish to consider the same arrangements***
- ***Social distancing for staff within school buildings, including in shared spaces such as staff rooms. It is also recommended that staff meetings are held virtually if possible***
- ***All visitors to schools must wear face coverings in school buildings***
- ***All non-essential events where parents visit***

***schools are moved to virtual***

- ***Secondary schools should promote and monitor uptake of twice weekly LFD testing and Covid-19 vaccinations for all staff and pupils. Primary school staff should also be doing this and staff need to be reminded of its importance.***

***Jonathan Lewis, director of education for Cambridgeshire County Council and Peterborough City Council, said: "Our aim at all times is to keep schools open and to continue normal education wherever we can. That is why we are recommending these measures to protect more vulnerable pupils and staff from contracting the virus and also potentially taking it home to others."***  
***(Cambridge Independent)***

The cases recorded at Fenstanton and Hilton Primary School have been low. We continue to ask families, where a child may be symptomatic, to get a PCR test. Test and trace are now responsible for contacting close contacts.

Unfortunately, to adhere to the recent guidance provided we will be postponing Open Classrooms on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> October and Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> October. We are planning an online version of Open Classrooms and we will provide more information on this as soon as we can. We are also asking all parents and carers to maintain social distancing when on the school premises.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the staff, who have worked so hard to ensure that the return to school this year has been successful and safe. By taking these precautions now we can ensure that our school stays open and we continue to keep our community safe.

Thank you in anticipation of your ongoing support.

## **Dates for the Diary**

**Mon 11<sup>th</sup> Oct – Individual School Photos**

Fri 22<sup>nd</sup> Oct - additional day off to benefit from the Queen's Platinum Jubilee bank holiday on 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2022

25<sup>th</sup>-29<sup>th</sup> Oct – Half term

1<sup>st</sup> Nov - Back to School

17<sup>th</sup> Dec – Autumn Term Ends