

Fenstanton and Hilton Primary School Newsletter

'Respect, Honesty, Kindness and Collaboration'

January 2018

Dear Parents and Carers,

Happy New Year!

Happy New Year to all our families, I hope you had a wonderful Christmas. Thank you to so many of you for the kind gifts, cards and messages you gave me before Christmas.

School Uniform

Smart presentation is integral to a good school and therefore I ask that children continue to come into school wearing the correct uniform and with only small hair accessories, no big bows or other accessory. A full list of our uniform can be found on our website and ordered at the office.

Tidy up Morning

We plan to hold another Tidy Up Morning on a Saturday in March, look out for the date in future newsletters. This will be slightly later, running from 11am – 2pm. Bacon sandwiches and hot drinks will also be provided.

Bus travel

I am working closely with the transport department of the County Council to ensure that the buses run on time and that behaviour is monitored correctly. Poor behaviour will not be tolerated on the bus. I do hear about most incidents and will act accordingly if it is brought to my attention.

Parent Forum

The next parent forum will be at **6pm on Tuesday 6th February**, please come along. This Forum will have an agenda, including 3 key points;

1. What we are doing well – feedback from parents
2. What we could do better – feedback from parents
3. Sharing of School Development Plan.

Parking

A gentle reminder that parking respectfully is an absolute must when dropping off or collecting children. I continue to have complaints from residents, which is unacceptable and unfair.

Contacting School

If you would like to talk to somebody about your child then the first port of call is always the class teacher. I am happy to meet with parents too and have met with lots of you throughout the year, which was fantastic. Please contact the office for an appointment.

Music lessons

As well as our regular piano lessons and Key Stage 2 Choir we are now adding guitar lessons and an African drumming class to our ever growing music provision. Please talk to the office if you have not already signed up and wish to do so.

OFSTED update

Thank you to those of you who attended the meetings after our Ofsted report was published. Our recent training day was on 'what makes Excellent teaching' and the 'Role of the subject leader'. Everybody in school is working so hard to improve our outcomes and the children's rich experience of learning. Consistency was a recurrent theme in the report so we are working hard to ensure this happens too. Feedback, as always is welcome. I will be sending a parent feedback questionnaire in the summer term so please do look out for that. In the meantime catch me on the gate, at parent forum, make an appointment or send an email to the office if you wish to provide us with positive or constructive feedback.

I hope that 2018 is your best year yet and that you all find good health and happiness.

Thank you, as always, for your amazing support,

Kind regards,

Claire Worth

Headteacher