# Fenstanton and Hilton Primary School and Nursery

Newsletter: March, 19<sup>th</sup> 2021

## A message from the Headteachers:

It has been a busy, few weeks in school and we are all now getting into a routine and pattern of working. You may have noticed that there have been some building works going on at the school. We have had work done on the drains and the roof. Half the classrooms have been painted and redecorated and over the Easter holiday we will be having further works being done to extend and combine our Nursery provision and move Reception classroom to create an EYFS unit. Staff have even agreed to come in during the last weekend of the Easter holiday to help set up the classrooms ready for the start of the Summer Term. We really can't wait to be able to invite parents into school to see changes have we implemented.

We are sorry to be losing a number of staff at the end of this term including: Susannah Collison, Vanessa Turner and Lizzie Hime. We would like to thank them all for their support and dedication to the school and children and wish them every success in the future. Mrs Byrne will be stepping down as SENCo after Easter and Mrs Kate Perry will be the new SENCo. Byrne, Mrs Perry and Ms Roberts have been meeting regularly to ensure a smooth handover. Mrs Byrne is fortunately not leaving the school and we will still be able to call on her expertise.

Thank you to everyone that participated in Comic relief. The school was full of heroes today. We hope you have had time to read the OFSTED report which we

sent out to parents earlier today. We have lots of exciting plans for the school next term and look forward to continuing to work with you in the Summer Term.

### **Parental Involvement:**

We are missing the involvement of parents in children's learning via google classroom and have been discussing ways that we can continue to involve you in the learning taking place in school. Each week the classes will be sharing with you examples of their learning in school on google classroom so you can see what we have been getting up to. We will also be inviting parents whose children are going to be receiving a certificate in our celebration assemblies on Fridays to attend these virtually. You should receive an e-mail invitation from the office inviting you to attend.

#### **Hilton School Bus:**

Now that all of the children are back in school full-time, we have ensured the Hilton bus registers are completely up-to-date. The Bus Registers are created from our database, based on children that live in Hilton. If you live in Hilton and you **DO NOT** require your child to be on the Hilton Bus List, please advise the office immediately and we will remove your child's name so they will not be asked each day.

The children are asked each morning if they will be going home on the bus that day (for younger children this is quite hard for them to remember so you please remind them morning or write it in their books for the teacher each day). It is the responsibility of parents to advise either the class teacher or school office if there is a change in the arrangement ie. Fun times, being collected by someone else. Unless we have been told otherwise, we will assume that all children will travel on the bus.

#### Attendance:

Please ensure that you advise the School Office of any child absences each morning.

#### **Drop Off & Pick Up:**

We ask that parents and carers wear masks around the vicinity of the school & stick closely to pathways and waiting zones on site in order to minimise 'community mixing' as far as we are able.

Please can parents also keep their small children with them at all times? We have had several children playing down the side of the school building (near the church) and climbing trees. Their safety is our priority, so please keep them with you.