

The FenHil News

‘Respect, Honesty, Kindness and Collaboration’

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Dear Parents and Carers,

PTA news

The PTA will be having their first meeting of the year at school on **Monday, 16th September at 7.00 pm**. This is where we'll map out the events for the year. Why not come along and get involved?

Our first fundraiser is one of our regular Bag2School collections. This will be on **Thursday, 10 October**. Bags and further info will go out soon (<https://bag2school.com/what-we-collect>).

Safeguarding

Chris Meddle from the Local Authority came in to visit our school this week for a pre-Ofsted healthcheck with regards to our safeguarding practice. He deemed our systems as effective and recognised that our culture values children's safety and happiness extremely highly. We were really pleased that external professionals have recognised all that we do.

Primary Science Quality Mark

This week we had notification that we had achieved success in gaining the PSQM! This is really exciting for us as Mrs Sumner has put a lot of hard work into gaining this status for the school. It also reflects just a pocket of all the great things we have achieved since our last Ofsted inspection.

***Primary Science Quality Mark (PSQM)** is the only national award scheme to develop and celebrate the quality of science teaching and learning in primary schools. Schools achieve a PSQM through a year-long process of initial audit, followed by action and reflection. For more information please visit: www.psqm.org.uk*

Running Club

Running club will start again on 23rd of September and the last one will be the 9th of December. We can take 30 children from all year groups and we will start at 8:20am, please sign up at the office, this will act as permission for your child to come so you will need to do it in person.

Guitar

Our resident guitar teacher, Mr Cory, may have some available slots for the forthcoming school term (from September). If your child is interested in learning the guitar, please contact Mr Cory via email at jimmypagefans@hotmail.com with your child's name, parent/guardian name, school name, class teachers name, lesson duration requirements (15min - £8.25 per session or 30min - £16.50 per session) & mobile phone number. Please note that if you have already joined a waiting list, then your child will be the first to be offered lessons.

Sculpture Garden

The first 10 creations of our penultimate sculpture for our garden are now complete. These pieces are linked to our school value **HONESTY** and are based on the works of American sculptor **Anne Truitt**.

Her works are based on visual traces of **memory** and **nostalgia** and were inspired by the natural and architectural environment of her childhood. Truitt's work took the form of wood sculptures painted with acrylic paint depicting a strong, visual memory and links well with our school value of honesty, encouraging children to think about who they are, their strengths and difficulties and what they need, to be the best learners they can be.

Key Stage 2 children created their works of art using sticks and acrylic paints and are based on memories they have.

Will you be able to guess which piece represents a pool holiday in Gran Canaria or a statue spotting trip in Hawaii? Maybe a stage show will be more recognisable or perhaps a beloved pet dog?

I wonder what the next 10 memories will be?

Mrs Flinders

Parent Workshops

Our lovely Early Intervention Family Worker, Jane Rogers will be running some drop in and workshops this term. The dates for these are:

2nd October 9.00- 10.00am – Understanding Emotions, coffee drop in, no pre-sign up needed

11th October 9.00 – 11.00am – Anxious child workshop – sign up, 20 places available to sign up to.

13th November 9.00 – 10.00am – Self esteem coffee drop in no pre-sign up needed

Parish Council Clean Up

Fenstanton Parish Council, along with Huntingdon District Council are having a Village Tidy-Up on Saturday 21st September. All volunteers very welcome and appreciated! Meeting at 10am at the Clock Tower Fenstanton on 21st September and all equipment will be provided, volunteers just need to bring some gloves.

Important Date:

Saturday 5th October – Clean up day, more details to follow next week.

And finally....

It is a while since I have had to write about discourteous parking on Honey Hill. However, I have had several reports about this today. Please if you do have to use a car to get to school, park in the church car park, or in the very least in a manner that means that emergency vehicles could attend school if needed. Please abide by the double yellow lines too, which are there but are not as obvious as they could be.

Have a wonderful weekend with your families,

Kind regards,

Claire Worth

Headteacher