

# Fenstanton and Hilton Primary School and Pre-school

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## Message from the Head...

It has been a very busy week in school with so many different activities in the calendar and such busy activity in our classrooms. We are very proud to have been featured on Louise Hlland's show on BBC Radio Cambridgeshire this morning. The team visited us on Wednesday to celebrate and discuss our Tiny Forest, which you will remember the children planting back in November. My thanks to Felix and Joss for the way they represented the school and spoke so articulately about their experiences. Details of how to listen to the show are below in Other Info. Wednesday also saw the NEU teacher strikes, which affected our provision. Thank you again for your support and understanding around this. It was important to show solidarity with colleagues taking action whilst continuing to offer provision in school to most pupils. We may be affected again next month and I will of course update you on those plans closer to the time.

Yesterday we welcomed our Local Authority Maths Adviser to school. I spent the day working with Mr Casey, visiting classrooms, observing practice, and discussing maths learning with some of our pupils. We were left with a very clear view of our strengths and areas for development, which will be fed into the subject action plan. In a different curriculum area, I have spent time today with Mr Yeomans, who teaches all our classes once a week through Over & In, to plan our PE curriculum and develop the offer for our children.

This afternoon our PTA are hosting two school discos, which I know the children are very excited about. The events are always hugely popular and the money spent later today will go on to benefit children across the school through resources, events and experiences in the months to come. Looking ahead to next week, we will be hosting members of our governance team to complete subject reviews with subject leaders; we will be welcoming our English Adviser to work with Mrs Adkins; we will be completing a review of our safeguarding practices with the county council; we will be planning for a full week of valuable curriculum time in our classrooms; and of course we will be ending this short half term next Friday, 10<sup>th</sup> February. It really has flown by!

**With best wishes for a peaceful weekend! Richard Martin.**

## Diary Dates...

### PTA School Discos

Friday, 3<sup>rd</sup> February

Reception & KS1 – Straight from school. Pick up at

4.30pm

KS2 – 4.45pm – 6.00pm

**PLEASE DO NOT DROP OFF ANY KS2 CHILDREN AT THE HALL ENTRANCE WHEN PICKING UP KS1 & RECEPTION CHILDREN. THEY MUST ENTER VIA THE ALLOCATED CLASS CORRIDORS AT 4.45PM**

### Non-School Uniform Day

Friday, 3<sup>rd</sup> February

### Guiding and Scouting Thinking Day

Wednesday, 22<sup>nd</sup> February

### Half term

13th - 17th February 2023

### Spring Term closes

31st March 2023

## Other Info ...

**Dave Webster from BBC Radio Cambridgeshire** visited the school on Wednesday this week to talk about the work we have done with Earthworks and interview Mr Martin and a couple of our students about the work we have been doing. The show aired earlier today on the **Louise Hlland** show that started at 6am. If you scroll through to 1hr 25mins and 2hr 27mins you will hear the interview. The interview will be repeated on Dave's show at 11:10am on Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> February.

[https://www.bbc.co.uk/sounds/schedules/bbc\\_radio\\_cambridge#on-air](https://www.bbc.co.uk/sounds/schedules/bbc_radio_cambridge#on-air)

### PGL 23 Payment Schedule

Interim payment of £90 should have been paid by 20<sup>th</sup> Jan. Please make the payment ASAP to keep accounts up to date.

### Closure of The Green School Uniform Shop

As you may already be aware, the premises in St Ives will be closing at the end of the month and cease trading on 28<sup>th</sup> February. Chromasport School & Teamwear Ltd will be managing the uniform for the school in the immediate future. More information will follow.