

# Fenstanton and Hilton Primary School and Pre-school

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## Message from the Head...

Dear Parents / Carers,

Welcome back to the new school year. We have had a brilliant first week back at school and it has been wonderful to see your children engaging so positively with new and familiar adults. We have been so impressed with how quickly they are all responding to new routines and developing positive relationships. We have been able to give plenty of focus to our new values – Community, Determination, Integrity – and we celebrated this with certificates for pupils in today's assembly.

Next week, many of our Year 6 pupils will be heading off on their PGL adventure at Caythorpe Court in Lincolnshire. This promises to be an incredible amount of fun, alongside the opportunity to build relationships, overcome challenges and build confidence. They will return next Friday with many stories to tell, I am sure.

You will have seen a letter earlier this week regarding a new after-school rugby club for Year 5 and Year 6 children. This will start on Monday 18<sup>th</sup> September and will be run at school by Cambridge Rugby Club. You can book a place for your child by clicking on this link - <https://cambridgerugby.co.uk/csdf-tickets/> - and selecting our school logo. Please ensure you have booked your space by Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> September.

We have also been contacted this week by the Parents' School Preference Adviser for Cambridgeshire. This service offers families advice and support when applying for schools, either when admissions open for transition to secondary schools on the 11<sup>th</sup> September 2023 or for in-year applications. The team can advise how the transfer and admissions process works, as well as supporting the understanding of policies and criteria for different schools. For more information, support or advice, please contact the team via email on [Choosingaschool@cambridgeshire.gov.uk](mailto:Choosingaschool@cambridgeshire.gov.uk)

We hope many of you will be able to attend our Parent Reading Workshop next Thursday morning at 9.15am. This is for parents and carers of ALL YEAR GROUPS, focusing on early reading, the phonics journey and supporting children from home as they develop a love for reading.

With very best wishes for the weekend ahead, Richard Martin.

## Diary Dates...

**Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> – Friday 15<sup>th</sup> September** – Year 6 PGL Trip (off site)

**Thursday, 14<sup>th</sup> September** - Parent Reading Workshop at 9.15am (after school drop off)

**Monday, 25<sup>th</sup> September** - PTA Cake & Uniform Sale

**Thursday, 28<sup>th</sup> & 29<sup>th</sup> September** – BMX Visit

**23<sup>rd</sup> – 27<sup>th</sup> September** – Half Term

## Reminders & Other Info...

- External Adult Fitness Classes – attached info
- Inspirations Afterschool Club – attached info

### **School Gateway app**

Please ensure you have downloaded and registered for the new School online payment system - instructions attached. This allows you to pay for school dinners, school trips and other activities including the PTA events.

**No cash payments can be taken in school.**

### **New Reception Parents**

This will also be communicated to you separately later today.