

Fenstanton and Hilton Primary School and Pre-school

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Message from the Head...

Dear Parents / Carers,

I hope you were all able to enjoy a positive half term break and have found the transition back into school routines an easy one. We have made a positive start to the half term in school, with classes quickly back into their routines and relationships, and continuing their learning journeys.

We have a busy half term ahead of us and many of our events and activities are listed on this [dates document](#), which can also be found on the home page of our website. Please note that parents' evening dates are now listed, along with our Christmas service in the parish church at the end of term. In classrooms, children will be completing termly assessments and our younger children will be preparing for what I am sure will turn out to be a fantastic nativity play.

Following the success of the school discos last month, our PTA will also continue to be very active before Christmas. We will have present rooms for the children, wreath-making sessions for adults, and of course the Winter Fair on December 15th. We are sure you will continue to support the amazing work our PTA do on behalf of our children and community.

I have reminded our Key Stage 2 children that, although we are blessed with wonderful grounds, it is not safe for them to be climbing trees at breaktime and lunchtime. There are three main reasons for this: remaining physically safe; preventing damage to the trees; and remaining as clean as possible for the return to class. We clearly have some good climbers but we cannot mitigate the risk sufficiently, to call this a 'safe' activity for pupils in our care.

For those families who are eligible, you will be receiving letters regarding the Christmas Holiday Activities and Food Programme, which opens for bookings next week. We encourage you to participate in this if you are eligible. Children can receive up to 16 hours of provision, including meals, over the holiday period.

You should also have seen a link from our PTA, regarding play parks in Fenstanton. We appreciate your feedback on this.

With best wishes for the weekend, Richard Martin.

Diary Dates...

Tuesday, 7th Nov – YR & Y6 Child Measurement Day

Wednesday, 8th Nov - Remembrance Poppies & Stationery available for children to purchase: **Reception, Pre-school, Yrs 1&2**

Thursday, 9th Nov - Remembrance Poppies & Stationery available for children to purchase: **Yrs 3, 4, 5 & 6**

Thursday, 16th Nov – Flu Imms (Rec – Year 6)

Thursday 7th Dec - PTA Movie Night

Tuesday, 12th Dec - KS1 Nativity Performance #1 @ 2pm

Wednesday, 13th Dec - KS1 Nativity Performance #2 @ 5pm

Friday 15th - PTA Winter Fair

Thursday, 21st Dec - Tuesday, 2nd Jan - Christmas Holidays

Reminders & Other Info...

Poppy Appeal

Our school council will be selling Poppy's & Stationery next week. Obviously any donation is appreciated for poppy's, but there are recommended prices for the stationery, ranging from 50p - £1.50.



Our resident guitar teacher, Mr Cory, may now have some available 30min slots (£17.50 per session) and/or 15min slots (£8.25 per session) from September. If your child is interested in learning the guitar, please contact Mr Cory via email at jimmypagefans@hotmail.com. Please include:- pupils name, parent/guardian name, school name, class teachers name for 23/24 term, home address & mobile phone number. Please book early to avoid disappointment. Please note if you have already been added to my waiting list, you will be the first to be offered any spaces that become available.