

The FenHil News

'Respect, Honesty, Kindness and Collaboration'

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Dear Parents and Carers,

This will be the last newsletter I write for you. I want to extend my thanks for your support over the last three years. It has been an honour to get to know all of your children and watch them grow. I do feel sad that I will be leaving but have had to make this hard decision for my own health and the wellbeing of my family. I do feel that I leave the school in a position to move forward now and I know that the new Headteacher will do a fantastic job of getting the school to 'good'. For me, it is time to reflect and move on. I wish you all the very best as we navigate the new normal. Next week we will get out more information about September, all children will be welcomed back to school. We are working with the Local Authority to work out the logistics of this currently as there is much to consider. Thank you for your patience so far.

Mixed Class Rationale

In my haste to inform you in good time of your child's teacher for next year I neglected to tell you the rationale around mixed classes. I apologise, these decisions are so long in the making that it slipped my mind that I hadn't told you.

Our Pupil Admission Number (PAN) is 40. This means that we can have 40 applications to our school each year. The cap on KS1 classes is 30 so this means if we have over 30 in a year group, we have one class and a bit.

This year we have one straight Reception coming in and have made the decision to split the year 1s and 2s into 3 classes. This is to keep the class sizes low but also to address the Ofsted issues of needing to share practice and consistency within teaching. The curriculum has been carefully planned out on a two year cycle for years 1-4 to ensure there are no gaps and the children access a full and rich curriculum.

We felt this was the best way to get consistency in planning and delivery in teaching and learning.

Term Times Magazine

This time you will have received an e-version of this magazine. You may recognise the author of an article on page 4!

Virtual Music Concert

Many thanks to all of you who have sent in your videos for our Virtual Music Concert. We are currently putting them all together. Look out for the finished concerts on Twitter from Wednesday 15th July. Many thanks must go to Miss Mahmood for her technical help.

PE Kits

There are a number of PE kits still in school and we would like to give you an opportunity to collect these before the end of term. We will display these outside the main school entrance next week during the day from 9:00am to 2:30pm. We would be grateful if you could collect these on the allocated days:

Pine, Ash, Birch and Elm classes - Monday 13th July and Tuesday 14th July

Sycamore and Chestnut classes - Wednesday 15th July and Thursday 16th July

Willow and Oak classes - Thursday 16th July and Friday 17th July

If you are unable to collect your child's PE kit on these days please inform the school office to arrange a convenient time. We will need to dispose of any uncollected PE kits by Friday 17th July.

New Class teacher meetings

Next week we will be organising opportunities for your child to meet their new class teacher as a whole class group. You will be emailed details to join a zoom meeting with your child. This will be a 20 minute meeting, where the class teacher will introduce themselves and ask your child what they will be looking forward to when they join their new class in September and what activities they would like to do when they return to school.

Please look out for the email regarding this zoom meeting.

For children who are currently in school an opportunity for them to meet their new class teacher will be arranged over the final week.

PTA News

As we approach the end of term, we'd like to say thank you to everyone who has supported the PTA and all our events this year. We also need to send some special thanks to those on the PTA committee who are leaving us this year. So, a big thank you for everything to Claire, Tracey, Cat, and Sue.

Unfortunately, we've only managed half a year's fundraising. But during that time, we have raised just under £4000 and have bought 15 Chromebooks and two outdoor speakers (for disco Fridays), as well as paying for the in-school theatre production of *Treasure Island*.

If you are doing any online shopping over the summer and for back to school, please remember to use our Smile page, which donates a small percentage of all purchases to the PTA – at no cost to you. Go to smile.amazon.co.uk/ and make sure you have **Fenstanton & Hilton School P.T.A.** selected in the 'Supporting' tab, under the main search box.

As a PTA, we'll be organising fun things for the children as soon as we are allowed to do so. We would love to see some new faces join our friendly group then. If you're interested, please drop Becky a line at fhpspta@gmail.com.

Stay well and have a good summer.

Early Intervention Family Worker Top Tips

Jane Rogers' 16th update is attached with the newsletter, this week there is a focus on Science Experiments, Jackanory reading and tips for helping negative children.

Finally...

It is for me to say farewell, I wish you all a happy and healthy future.

'Be yourself, be the very best version of yourself and be proud of it'

Best wishes,

Claire Worth,

Headteacher