

# Fenstanton and Hilton Primary School and Nursery

Newsletter: November 12<sup>th</sup> 2021

## A message from the Headteachers:

The whole school marked Remembrance Day yesterday with a minute silence at 11am. The children have engaged in curriculum activities, an assembly, as well as thinking about the historical significance of Armistice Day.

**Anti-Bullying Week 2021** is happening next week, from Monday 15<sup>th</sup> – Friday 19<sup>th</sup> November. Kindness is more important today than it has ever been. The isolation of the last year has underlined how little acts of consideration can break down barriers and brighten the lives of the people around us. This is one of the reasons that **'One Kind Word'** has been chosen as the theme of Anti-Bullying Week. We are keen to use this special week as an opportunity to develop the children's understanding of, for and about bullying. All children will engage in daily short sessions tackling some of the issues around bullying, at an age appropriate level. We will also take part in some extra activities;

We will hold **Odd Socks Day for Anti-Bullying Week on the Monday** of Anti-Bullying Week (**15<sup>th</sup> November**). It is an opportunity for you to express yourself and celebrate what makes us unique – by wearing odd or crazy socks or tights! (No donation required). The school community recognises that bullying, especially if left unaddressed, can have a devastating effect on

individuals; it can create a barrier to learning and have serious consequences for mental wellbeing. By effectively preventing and tackling bullying, we aim to create a safe, disciplined environment, where pupils are able to learn and fulfil their potential.

At home you can:

- Talk about your child's understanding of the choices surrounding bullying behaviour

- Discuss the schools values: Respect, Kindness, Collaboration, Honesty, Excellence

- Talk about what to do if they think they, or someone else is being bullied – use the attached tips for parents and carers for extra guidance.

- Reinforce the importance of sharing any worries about anything that makes them feel bad.

- Look at the anti-bullying alliance resources [For Parents and Carers \(anti-bullyingalliance.org.uk\)](https://forparentsandcarers.org.uk) and enjoy the 'odd socks song' <https://youtu.be/lpZ3u5Z6pOg> Or

With a focus on anti-cyber bullying in Key Stage 2, please take the opportunity to look at these materials from SafeToNet: As part of SafeToNet's support of Odd Socks day they are providing parents access to its award-winning app for FREE FOR 60 DAYS. Use promo code 'ABW2020'.

Visit

<https://safetonet.com/abw2020>

We hope we can meet our aims of the week and have some fun doing it. This is such an important issue and best tackled together.



## Children in Need – Friday, 19<sup>th</sup> November



Once again, we would like to support **Children in Need**. The children can wear **non-school uniform** (maybe something yellow or spotty) for a donation of £1.

## 'Message from the Governors:

A big welcome back to everyone after half term, we hope you all had an enjoyable and restful break. During this Term we will be carrying out monitoring visits in a range of subjects, including English and Maths to understand how the curriculum is developing, and to make sure that the changes which have been implemented at our school are having the required impact.

We will also be carrying out an online parent survey soon to gather your views about the school. This is an extremely useful exercise as your feedback helps support the work of the school and helps shape changes to improve the school for all children.

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Finally, we are extremely keen to maintain and increase our communication with yourselves. Therefore, we will be looking at how we can best use our social media platforms over the next few months.

## Nut Free School

Please can we remind everyone that we are a **NUT FREE SCHOOL**, therefore nuts are not allowed in packed lunch boxes or as a snack. It is very important that this is adhered to so that we can keep those children who have allergies to nuts from coming into contact.

## Covid

In school we are continuing with the measures we have in place since half term. Please see attached the updated Covid guide for parents and carers flowchart.



**Christmas Lunch** will take place on **Thursday, 16<sup>th</sup> December** (menu attached). Please complete the form on the link below to sign your child up <https://forms.gle/ZDy7ALYZTupmf8G8A>

You do not need to complete the form if your child does not want a School Dinner, but please remember to send them in with a packed lunch, as there is no other food option on the day.

## Dates for the Diary

**15<sup>th</sup>-19<sup>th</sup> November** Anti-Bullying Week. Starting with **Odd Sock Day** on Monday, 15<sup>th</sup> November (no donation required)

**19<sup>th</sup> November** Children in Need (**non-school uniform**) donation of £1.

**16<sup>th</sup> December** School Christmas Lunch (menu attached)

**17<sup>th</sup> December** Autumn Term Ends