

Fenstanton and Hilton Primary School and Pre-school

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Message from the Head...

Dear Parents / Carers,

This week, many of our Year 5 children have been taking part in their Bikeability sessions. These started on the playground on Monday before moving out onto the roads of our community from Tuesday to Thursday. The children engaged in this positively and we have been encouraged by the responsibility and positive attitudes the children have shown.

On Wednesday this week, we welcomed [James Campbell](#) to our school. James is an author, storyteller and comedian, who engaged our children and staff with a range of his books and stories*. It was a joy for me to hear the laughter of the children coming from the hall as they enjoyed the sessions. We were also wowed by the support you all showed to the event, queueing out of the door after school to buy books for your children. Although James ran out of books due to high demand, he took away with him a list of names and books required. Signed copies will be delivered to school soon and the children will receive their books. Again, thank you for your support and patience.

Next week, we will be welcomed at the Parish Church by Reverend Rosie for a Harvest Festival service. You should have seen a letter regarding contributions of non-perishable food items – cereals, pastas, soups, tinned food etc. Please avoid glass jars, in case of drops and spillages between school and the church! This event is for pupils and staff only.

On Friday next week we are welcoming Mike Mullen for the first of our BMX Days. You can read more about Mike [here](#). This day, and a second one on October 10th, is being funded by our PTA from the money raised at events over the past year. We are very grateful for this contribution to school life. The days will include assemblies and performances to the whole school, and group sessions for all of our Key Stage 2 pupils.

Finally, we are looking forward to welcoming [Joseph Claus](#) to school on the 2nd and 3rd October for Musical Theatre workshops, which will be delivered to Years 1-6. Again, these days are being paid for by our PTA and we are excited to be working with someone with so much skill and experience. This event will culminate with a performance by the children at 3.00pm on Tuesday 3rd in the school hall. We would love to welcome you to share the children's outcomes!

With best wishes for the weekend, Richard Martin.

Diary Dates...

Monday, 25th September - PTA Cake & Uniform Sale

Friday, 29th September – Mike Mullen BMX Visit Day 1

Monday, 2nd October - Musical Theatre Workshop with Joseph Claus - Day1

Tuesday, 3rd October - Musical Theatre Workshop with Joseph Claus - Day2

Monday, 9th October - Individual and sibling school photographs

Tuesday, 10th - Mike Mullen BMX Visit - Day2

Thursday, 19th October – Christmas Card Design Deadline.

Friday, 20th October - PTA School Disco (timings tbc)

Reminders & Other Info...

23rd – 27th October – Half Term

Monday, 30th October - Teacher Training Day

*James is now publishing The Umbrella Tree as a book. If your child would like a signed and dedicated copy of the book the best way is to pledge to buy a copy through Kickstarter. The book is suitable for children between ages 3 and 7.

<https://www.kickstarter.com/projects/jamescampbellauthor/the-umbrella-tree>

School Gateway app

Please ensure you have downloaded and registered for the new School online payment system. Search school gateway app. 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.