

# The FenHil News

'Respect, Honesty, Kindness and Collaboration'

## Star Wars Day 2018

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Another exciting and full week at Fenstanton and Hilton primary school. The children have been busy learning and enjoying the field now the weather is better.

### PTA News

Thank you to everyone who came and bought books from the Travelling Book Fayre this week. It was great to see so many people supporting the event. We hope the children enjoyed choosing something new to read.

Please remember that our Bag2School Collection is on **Wednesday 9th May** and all bags will need to be at school by 9am that morning. If you are unable to bring your bag(s) up to school, we will be doing a collection from both Fenstanton and Hilton on the morning of Tuesday 8th. If you could email us with your address and make sure your bag is out front of your house by 10am, we will come and collect from you. Our email address is [fhpspta@gmail.com](mailto:fhpspta@gmail.com).

We hope you have a fantastic Bank Holiday Weekend and enjoy the sunshine!

### Outside Mural



Most of you will now have seen the mural that was painted on Sunday. I hope you agree that it has really brightened school up and has provided a talking point for everyone.

### Tuck Shop



Our new tuck shop has been a raving success, providing the children with a wide range of healthy snacks on a Tuesday and Friday morning. Each item is 20p, everything must go! If your family are eligible for Pupil Premium then tuck shop items are free. Please encourage your children to come along. At the moment this is only available to Key Stage 2 children as Key Stage 1 and EYFS already get a daily snack.

### Classes next year

I have had many parents ask about classes and splitting next year. Our numbers look like we can organise discreet year groups in Key Stage 2. Therefore there will be 5 classes – year 3, year 4, year 5 and 2 year 6 classes. We are just waiting on final EYFS numbers to organise the younger children.

### Absence and Holidays

I have had quite a few families request holidays recently. Unfortunately I am unable to authorise holidays unless there are extenuating circumstances. Please note that from January 2018 schools have been advised to issue penalty notices (fines) to any family taking their child out of school for more than 3 consecutive days. This is at the discretion of the Headteacher.

### Local Authority Visits

Our Primary Adviser visited this week, these are routine checks to make sure we are making good progress towards our Ofsted targets but also to check on the children's learning and wellbeing, which is the most important aspect of school. She was pleased with our progress and can see all the hard work that the staff and children put in paying off.

## Waitrose



We have been chosen to receive funds from the 'token drop' at St Ives Waitrose during the month of June! This is very exciting, as the money will be put towards revamping our library. If you can shop at Waitrose during this time I would encourage you to do so as the more tokens, the more money we will receive!

## Homework

After the success of the Spring term we have decided to keep our minimalist homework approach for the rest of the summer term. This means your children will only receive weekly spellings, daily reading and Sumdog mathematic tasks.

## Scooters and Bikes

Please ensure that your child is respectful to pedestrians on the journey as we have had several near misses on the journey to school. These seem to be happening on a daily basis in the churchyard. If your child travels to school alone then please talk to them about courteous use of bikes and scooters. They are also not permitted on the playground so please make sure children dismount before entering the site.

## Important Dates

New intake evening for Reception: 23<sup>rd</sup> May 7:00-8.30pm

Open Evening: 9<sup>th</sup> July 6-7pm

Other events/dates are available on the school website.

Thank you for your continued support, I hope you all enjoy the Bank Holiday weekend.

Kind regards,

Claire Worth,

Headteacher