

Fenstanton and Hilton Primary School and Pre-school

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Message from the Head...

Dear Parents / Carers,

What better way to start than mentioning the weather? It hasn't quite been the spring weather we might have been hoping for at the start of March and this has restricted our use of the school's grounds somewhat. We are all looking forward to the summer term and the chance to enjoy the space more freely. Our Year 5 and 6 children have managed to take part in their 'River Walks' this week as part of their learning in Geography. The children followed the line of Hall Green Brook down to the River Great Ouse and returned to school via The Fen. On Monday's walk, I heard talk of flooding, deposition, sediment, drainage and erosion. The children were excited to be out of school but were generally positively behaved!

By now, you will have seen a letter from me regarding the days of NEU Industrial Action taking place next Wednesday and Thursday. We will be closing to Years 1 and 2 on Wednesday, and Years 3 and 5 on Thursday. These are the last planned days of industrial action. We are grateful for the support you have shown the school and its staff during this period.

Thank you to those of you who have supported the 'Mothers and Others' present room, which was hosted in school by our PTA on Wednesday and today. I am sure lots of money will have been raised for the school. Using funding from the PTA, we have recently ordered a visualiser for each classroom to support pupil learning and teacher presentation. This technology will make modelling and sharing work much easier and we are confident these will be an effective resource.

Lastly this week, I wanted to share some attendance data with you, which I will try to do weekly. Whole-school average attendance last week was 94.3%. This is relatively pleasing given the levels of sickness and illness there seem to have been in different year groups. Whilst the number is quite high, a child who misses just 5% of school will miss almost two weeks of schooling over the course of a school year. We appreciate your support with pupil attendance.

With best wishes for the weekend, Richard Martin.

Diary Dates...

Red Nose Day

Friday, 17th March

PTA Cake & Preloved Uniform Sales

Monday, 27th March

w/c 20th – 27th March

Scholastic Book Fair Week

Parents Evening in person (info to follow)

Tuesday, 28th March 3.30pm-6pm

Parents Evening on line (info to follow)

Wednesday, 29th March 3.30pm-6pm

Reception & Preschool Easter Crafts Afternoon

Wednesday, 29th March (info to follow)

Spring Term Closes

Friday, 31st March

Diary Dates, Reminders & Other Info...

Easter Holidays

Monday, 3rd April - Monday 17th April

Tuesday, 18th April

Summer Term Starts

Swimming Reminder – please see attached letter. The deadline is **Friday, 17th March**.

Pay360 Support. Attached is some information that should help those of you who are having problems logging on to Pay360.

EIFA Newsletter attached, which includes some information on children's emotions and brain development, some mental health resources and an activity for parents to do with their children.

Cambridgeshire Constabulary Safer Schools Newsletter is also attached.