

Fenstanton and Hilton Primary School and Nursery

Newsletter: July, 9th 2021

A message from the Headteachers:

Thank you to all those parents who attended parents evening virtually this week.

We hope you have enjoyed reading the new school reports. We have particularly enjoyed reading the children's comments; what they have learned, their targets and insights. Of particular note was this from a Year 6 pupil:

"This year, I have enjoyed that the school has had major changes making the school a better learning environment and a better place to learn...."

Obviously, we are still planning for the new educational year and recent announcements this week will involve us making some changes. We will be providing full details in the near future. Please be patient as we finalise arrangements.

New classes:

All children should now have had confirmation of which class they will be in next year. We have tried to ensure that the classes are balanced with a balanced number of girls, boys and children with additional needs. We are holding transition days for all children to allay any fears and apprehension and to give our children, who have been stuck in bubbles for many months, the opportunity to get to know their new classmates and teacher before the new year and so that small worries at the start of the summer do not turn into big worries by the end of the summer holiday. We certainly do not want any child to be unhappy but have used our professional knowledge and

experience to ensure that every child's needs are met.

This year, the classes are all named after artists. This will support our link to developing this curriculum area next year alongside continuing to focus on raising standards in the core curriculum. All children have sketchbooks and in KS2 the children have their own watercolour sets, which they have been learning to use.

Transition Days

On the transition days (Weds 14th, Thurs 15th and Fri 16th) the children will all have an opportunity to meet their new class-mates and teacher. During these transition days the teachers will be asking the children to help set up their learning space, designing, drawing and exploring the work of the artist their class is named after and talking about what they will be learning about next term and what they already know about the topic.

Current Year 6 (Oak) will come into school via the door to the Main hall at the front of the school. The door will be open and staff will be there.

Children in **current Year 5 (Willow)** will come in through their usual entrance.

Children in **current Year 4** (Sycamore, Cherry, Chestnut) will also come in through the Main gate and go to the Year 5 and 6 entrance where staff will be there to meet and greet them.

Children in **current Year 3** (Chestnut, Cherry, Sycamore) will come in through the Fen gate. They will go up the steps to where their teacher will be

waiting for them by the Year 3/4 entrance.

Children in **current Year 2 (Birch, Elm, Ash)** will come in through the Fen gate. They will go up the steps to where their teacher will be waiting for them by the Year 3/4 entrance.

Children in current Y1 (Birch, Elm, Ash) will come in through the Fen gate and the class teachers will be available in the playground to collect and guide them to their new classroom.

Children in the current Reception (Pine) are to come through the Fen gate. The class teacher will be waiting in the playground. Parents of children in Reception will be allowed to come onto the school playground in the morning so they can meet the class teacher. Please maintain social distancing and come with a face mask.

New Reception parents are to bring their children in through the Main school gate, where they will be greeted by Early Years staff.

Gates Open: 08.50am
Pick Up Times: 3.10pm

Collection at the end of the day:

The **New Year 1, 2, 3 & 4 classes** will be collected from the Fen gate.

We already have collection zones marked on the Fen playground and these will be clearly marked with signage for the new classes.

The **new Year 5 and 6 classes** will be collected from the Main gate.

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The current Y6 (Oak) will leave through the hall door each day.

Teaching assistants are not allocated to classes. They work in phases and support in delivering interventions, additional support and specific programs or working with a specific child. We have an HLTA (Higher Level Teaching Assistant in each phase of the school). HLTAs have additional qualifications and expertise enabling them to teach classes and lead on school priorities e.g. well-being.

Bubble Olympics was a fantastic success - all the children entered into all the activities wholeheartedly and enjoyed themselves. We hope to be able to look forward to having our family spectators back next year.

Year 3 & 4 are really enjoying their Tudor Day today too. Photos from this and Sports Day will be on the google classrooms.

Masks and COVID safety:

We are all looking forward to the 19th when we hope to no longer need to wear masks, however until then we ask that you continue to respect the guidelines and wear a mask and socially distance in order to keep everyone safe until the end of term.

Communication:

This will be our last weekly newsletter as now we are coming out of COVID restrictions we will be able to resume sending home our fortnightly newsletter to keep you informed as to what is going on in school.

Apologies that the date of the Bubble Olympics was accidentally left off the last newsletter. In the New Year we will also be making more use of social media and the school website to share news and information.

PTA News

Summer Draw

The Summer Draw took place last Friday (2nd July). Please see the email that went out on Monday or our Facebook page for a list of winners. Please could winners collect their prizes from the school office ASAP?

Fundraising this term

In a normal year, the summer term is a big one for PTA events, with the FenHil Festival, Summer Fayre and smaller events all taking place. Sadly, this hasn't been a normal year again, but you have all supported the fundraising initiatives we have been able to run.

The Summer Draw raised £1040 for school funds, with the smaller events (Bag2School and the Balloon Race) raising around £150. We think this is amazing under the circumstances and want to say a huge thank you to everyone who contributed to the success of those events! We also want to say a big THANK YOU to everyone who donated a prize to the draw. We could not have done it without you.

Over the course of the school year, the lottery has also raised £476 for school, with many of the winners donating their prizes back to school.

Support us over the summer!

Term may be drawing to a close, but you can still keep raising funds for school over the summer. Here's how:

- 1) Buy a **lottery ticket** @ <https://www.yourschoollottery.co.uk/lottery/school/fenstanton-and-hilton-primary-school>. Tickets cost £1 per week and every week someone from school wins a cash prize, as well as being in with the chance to win a bigger prize from Your School Lottery.
- 2) Use **Amazon Smile** when you shop on Amazon, either on the app or in a browser.

On the app:

Open the Amazon app on your phone
Select the main menu & tap on "AmazonSmile" within Programmes & Features
Select Fenstanton & Hilton School P.T.A. as your charity
Follow the on-screen instructions to activate AmazonSmile in the mobile app

- 3) Use these **name label** companies when buying new labels for uniform and kit

My Name Tags – go to

<https://www.mynametags.com/> and input the School ID (29624) when making a purchase.

Stampastic - Use our unique URL

<http://bit.ly/STAMPPE289JR> or our PTA code (PE289JR) when ordering.

- 4) Save your clothes! There will be another **Bag2School** collection next term, so if you're having a clear out

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over the summer, please
save any bags for our next
fundraising collection.

Dates for the Diary

13th July - children's last day in
their current classes
Year 6 leavers' celebration tea
party (kindly supported by the
PTA)

14th July - children 'move up' to
their new class bubbles
Y6 Bushcraft Day 1

15th July - Y6 Bushcraft Day 2 &
overnight camp

Fri 16th July –
Y6 Bushcraft day 3
Y6 Leavers' Assembly at 2pm via
Google Meet
End of Term

Mon 6th Sept – Term Starts
Fri 22nd Oct - additional day off
to benefit from the Queen's
Platinum Jubilee bank holiday on
3rd June 2022

25th-29th Oct – Half term

17th Dec – Autumn Term Ends