

# Fenstanton and Hilton Primary School and Pre-school

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## Message from the Head...

Dear Parents / Carers,

This week started with the children working to the beat of their African Drumming Workshops (Year 1-6). The children really enjoyed these sessions playing the djembe drums, which originate from West Africa. We apologise for the lack of clarity in our original letter about these sessions, which resulted in some parents of EYFS children making financial contributions to the sessions. You should all have been refunded by now. Thank you to our very generous PTA, who have agreed to cover any costs remaining for the school, following the kindness of your contributions.

Our Year 1 and 2 children ventured out into the village earlier this week to look at the grounds of the Parish Church, as part of their work on local history. The children were well-behaved, safe and great ambassadors for our school. On Tuesday, our Year 3 and 4 children experienced their BMX Workshops with Mike Mullen. We were also treated to a performance by a group of Year 5 and 6 children, who Mike worked with to choreograph a super presentation to the rest of the school. You can see a picture of our BMX Squad on 'X' @fenhilp!

Next week our Key Stage 2 children are looking forward to a day out of school on educational trips. Year 3/4 are visiting Holt Island and Year 5/6 are heading into Cambridge. The school might feel a little quiet next Wednesday!

Many children are enjoying our Acro Club (Wednesday) and Musical Theatre (Thursday) clubs in the school hall each week. It is great to see the children involved in these different activities so positively. If you would like to enquire about access to these activities for your child, please contact the school office.

You will have seen a letter recently about our need to appoint a parent-governor to our governing body. A reminder that nominations for this post need to reach us by Monday 16th October. Separately, we are also seeking to appoint a co-opted governor from outside of our parent body. If you know someone who might be interested in this role, please suggest they contact Nicola Webster, Chair of Governors, at [nwebster@fenstanton.cambs.sch.uk](mailto:nwebster@fenstanton.cambs.sch.uk).

With best wishes for the weekend, Richard Martin.

## Diary Dates...

**Monday, 16<sup>th</sup> October** - 3.30pm & 6pm Open Evening, Parents of 2024 Reception Children.

**Tuesday, 17<sup>th</sup> October** – SATS Meeting for Year 6 Parents/Carers (4-5pm).

**Wednesday, 18<sup>th</sup> October**

- NHS Eye Tests (Reception Class Only). See previous email.
- Years 3 & 4 – School Trip to Holt Island – pay online please
- Years 5 & 6 – School Trip to Cambridge – pay online please

**Thursday, 19<sup>th</sup> October** – Deadline for Christmas Card Designs

**Friday, 20<sup>th</sup> October** – PTA Disco's

**23<sup>rd</sup> – 27<sup>th</sup> October** – Half Term

**Monday, 30<sup>th</sup> October** - Training Day, School Closed

## Reminders & Other Info...

**Thursday, 16<sup>th</sup> November** – Flu Immunisations (Reception – Year 6)

- New Lunchtime Menu starts w/c 30<sup>th</sup> October (attached and on website).

**Friday, 20<sup>th</sup> October - PTA School Disco\***

**\*\*You will need to download the School Gateway App to purchase tickets for the School Discos\*\***

**School Gateway app – see attached instructions**

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.**