

Fenstanton and Hilton Primary School and Pre-school

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Message from the Head...

Dear Parents / Carers,

The highlight of this week was undoubtedly our visit from the Royal Institution on Wednesday. We were treated to three shows throughout the day and it was wonderful to be able to welcome our pre-school children into the morning show. They were all superbly behaved! In the afternoon our Key Stage 2 children were equally engaged, and it was a pleasure to welcome so many of you to the community event after school. You can see some images and videos from the day on twitter [@fenhilp](#). We are very grateful to our PTA, who funded this day for our children and community. What a great way to use some of the funds that have been raised this year!

We have adjusted our lunchtime arrangements for children in Key Stage 2 this week. The changes are to ensure we are able to effectively supervise children in all the spaces that are used, including playgrounds, field, cloakrooms, lunch hall and corridors. The children have responded positively overall and we have been impressed with the way they have moved safely through the building and around this site. With the support, again, of our fabulous PTA team, we have invested this week in new goalposts for Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2 football pitches, along with new basketball hoops with backboards, and new basketballs. Our expectation is that children will engage pro-socially with each other and our spaces. We want to make sure the facilities for them to access are supportive and engaging.

This week our year groups have been holding School Council votes, with candidates presenting speeches to their peers on why they would be a good choice to be one of our councillors. I have heard some very positive feedback about the children's respectful listening and confident public speaking. Mrs Adkins will be supporting our school councillors to make change across our school. Well done to all of those children who took part.

With online safety a regular topic in national news and education safeguarding, I would like to encourage you to 'check-in' with your child's online activities and communications. We have been made aware of concern about group chats in Snapchat and WhatsApp, in which children are being unkind to others. I would urge you to reflect on the age guidance for these apps: Snapchat – 16+; WhatsApp – 13+. Our children are unlikely to be mature enough, socially and emotionally, to consistently handle these types of communication effectively. Please support your child to interact safely and sensibly.

With best wishes for the weekend, Richard Martin.

Diary Dates...

Half term

Monday, 29th May – 2nd June

Phonics Assessment Week

w/c 12th June

Father's Day Present Room

14th – 16th June

School Group Photos

Monday, 19th June

School PTA Summer Fair

Friday, 30th June

Saturday, 1st July

Village Sports Day

Reminders & Other Info...

Bike & Scooter Shed:

All bikes and scooters that are placed in the bike shed are left at the **owners' risk**. Therefore, we recommend that all bikes/scooters are locked if they are being left there during the day.

Thinking about making a change:

Have you ever thought about being a Foster Carer to children who cannot live with their families? Ever thought to yourself 'I'd love to care for a child' but then wondered how this would fit with your work commitments? Are you held back by thoughts of doubt that you could be a Foster Carer? If so, you could be denying a child or young person the opportunity to have a wonderful home with you.

There are children and young people who need a loving home, and you could be just what they need. If you would like more information about becoming a Foster Carer or know someone who could offer a safe, secure and loving home then please get in touch on: 0800 052 0078 or email fosteringmarketing@cambridgeshire.gov.uk or visit www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/fostering