

Fenstanton and Hilton Primary School and Pre-school

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Message from the Head...

I am sure many of you have been wishing for the lighter and brighter days of spring this week. We try to keep the school site as accessible to children as possible, with the field in use for football most days and the children having access to the climbing and play apparatus. This is not always possible and in most cases the children understand and respect that. Our aim is to provide a quality and enriching experience and education for children, whilst helping them develop socially and emotionally. This week we have had to have several conversations with children in Key Stage 2 regarding either physically or verbally aggressive behaviour outside. We challenge this anti-social behaviour as completely unacceptable within or outside of our community.

In rare instances, and very sadly, this anti-social behaviour is aimed at adults in school. This is not the society we want to create in school. Children quite rightly expect adults to behave with courtesy and respect towards them but there are a small number of children who sometimes show us that they do not feel the same behaviour needs to be reciprocated. Anti-social behaviour can include verbally challenging an adult's request or support, being aggressive with word, tone or gesture, or ignoring instruction altogether and being entirely dismissive of the adult.

I realise this is a slightly negative tone to take at the end of the week, but I want to be honest with you about life in our school and I will appreciate your support in guiding your child towards the importance and value of developing positive, respectful relationships within society. It is fair and reasonable that adults have high expectations of children. It is accurate to say that ALL children can show pro-social behaviours, in line with the school's values, and that the vast majority are consistent in doing so. We strive to protect our safe work and play environments for the benefit of every child and I look forward to continuing to work with you to achieve that.

Moving on... we were delighted to welcome our 'parent readers' this week as they began their weekly volunteering to hear children read. Thank you to Mrs Adkins and the team of parents for committing to this support, which will initially be aimed at supporting the skills of those children developing their skills towards age-related expectations. On Tuesday, we met with Poppy from Kids R Us, who will be providing our wraparound care from April. I was informed that there has been positive interest from the community so we continue to move ahead with plans and preparation for April. Poppy and members of her team will be visiting school for a 'Parent drop-in session' next Thursday afternoon from 3.00pm – 5.00pm. This will take place in the school hall. If you are visiting after school has finished, or around collection from Fun Times, please ring the front doorbell and someone will greet you.

Finally, our teachers will be making every effort to be available and outside every afternoon (although not if on PPA time or bus duty) when school finishes. We are very aware of the value that positive relationships can bring, to support the children and each other, so we will be available for queries and questions, or to let you know of achievements or concerns within the classroom. Most queries can be answered quickly and easily but myself and Mrs Adkins are always very happy to meet should you have anything more 'serious' or confidential you wish to discuss. I hope you will find the opportunity to make contact with class teachers a positive one.

I wish you and your families a positive and happy weekend! See you next week!

With best wishes, from Richard Martin.

Diary Dates...

Kids R Us Drop-in Session

Thursday, 19th January 3.00-5.00pm

Half term

13th - 17th February 2023

Spring Term closes

31st March 2023

Other News...

- Attached timetable for after school Adult Fitness Classes.
- Education Inclusion Family Advisor Newsletter January 2023 attached.

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