

The FenHil News

‘Respect, Honesty, Kindness and Collaboration’

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Dear Parents and Carers,

PTA news

We held our first meeting of the year on Monday and have mapped out most of the year's activities and events. More info on these will follow!

The first of these is a **PTA afternoon tea**, next **Friday, 27th September at 2.30pm in the school hall**. We're inviting all parents (babies/toddlers welcome too) to come and have a chat about what we do and how it all works on the PTA. We'd love to welcome lots more parents to PTA or as a Friend we can call on to help with events. It'll be a friendly, informal natter over a cuppa and a biscuit. We hope to see you there!

There are a couple of easy fundraisers we do... one of which is **Bags2School** and bags for this will be coming home this week (although you can use any charity bag you have). If you're having a sort out, why not fill up and help us raise some funds for the school? You can see what is collected here: <https://bag2school.com/what-we-collect>. Details about bringing bags to school will be shared in due course.

Another easy win is online shopping with Amazon. Sign in using smile.amazon.co.uk and make sure you have selected **Fenstanton & Hilton School P.T.A.** in the 'Supporting' tab, under the main search box. Then, just shop as normal (you can still get Prime). A small percentage of all purchases is then donated to the PTA – at no cost to you.

Diary dates:

- Friday 27th September: Tea with the PTA, 2.30 pm, school hall
- Monday, 7th October: PTA Annual General Meeting, 7 pm at school
- Thursday 10th October: Bag2School collection
- Friday, 4th October: Disco (times to be confirmed for R+KS1 and KS2)
- Friday, 8th November: KS2 movie night (R+KS1 will be in Spring term)
- Saturday, 7th December: Christmas Fayre, 2–4 pm

Could you foster?

Nexus Fostering is a well-established and highly regarded fostering agency, based in Bar Hill, who are urgently seeking foster carers throughout the area. The agency is rated Ofsted 'Outstanding' in all areas and place a high premium on the quality of support and care that they provide to every one of the foster carers and, in turn, the children and young people placed with them. To find out more about becoming a foster carer and how you could help a young person in Cambridgeshire call 0800 389 0143 or email nikkir@nexusfostering.co.uk

Clean up Morning

Our annual parents clean up morning will take place on 5th October between 10 and 12pm. Our PTA have kindly volunteered to provide refreshment and there will be a list of tasks for us to work through. This will be mainly weeding, clearing garden space and skip loading. Everyone welcome, even if you can only spare 30 mins.

Harvest Festival

Next Wednesday we will be holding our Harvest Festival assembly. Families are invited to make a donation of non-perishable food that we can donate to Godmanchester Foodbank. Items may include tinned veg, cereals or bags of pasta. Please send with your child on the morning of Wednesday 25th as they will be invited to place their item in the hall during the assembly. Any donations grateful, it doesn't have to be costly.

New Starters

If you have a new starter for September 2020 then please come along to our open morning on November 8th between 9:30 and 10:30. This will be a chance to hear about school, meet some of the people involved in school life and have a tour. Please do join us. Everyone welcome.

Guitar

Our resident guitar teacher, Mr Cory, may have some available slots for the forthcoming school term (from September). If your child is interested in learning the guitar, please contact Mr Cory via email at jimmypagefans@hotmail.com with your child's name, parent/guardian name, school name, class teachers name, lesson duration requirements (15min - £8.25 per session or 30min - £16.50 per session) & mobile phone number. Please note that if you have already joined a waiting list, then your child will be the first to be offered lessons.

Midday Supervisor

Do you enjoy working with children and being outside? Do you enjoy encouraging young minds to enjoy their food and the social experience of eating a meal together? We have the role for you! Please contact the office if you would like to join our hardworking team to ensure that lunchtimes are happy and safely exciting times.

Lunchtime Co.

Our wonderful catering company are holding a tasting session for parents, if you have ever wondered what it is like to have a school dinner here then this is the opportunity for you. Please come along and meet the team and sample some of their delicious food, for free. Please see flyer attached. 10th October 3pm.

Parent Workshops

Our lovely Early Intervention Family Worker, Jane Rogers will be running some drop in and workshops this term. The dates for these are:

2nd October 9.00 – 10.00am – Understanding Emotions, coffee drop in, no pre-sign up needed

11th October 9.00 – 11.00am – Anxious child workshop – sign up, 20 places available to sign up to.

13th November 9.00 – 10.00am – Self esteem coffee drop in no pre-sign up needed

And finally....

I sent in a separate email our Parent Protocol earlier this week. For so many of you this is how you always conduct yourselves and hope that you get the same in return. We thank you for coming to us if you need support or to offer feedback.

Thank you for your ongoing support.

Have a wonderful weekend with your families,

Kind regards,

Claire Worth

Headteacher