## The FenHil News

'Respect, Honesty, Kindness and Collaboration'

# 13th March 2020

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Dear Parents and Carers,

#### **Coronavirus**

We continue to be guided by Public Health England and the Department for Education as to which measures to take regarding potential school closure. I made the decision to cancel the disco as there was a high risk that children would be in close proximity with games involving hand holding and physical contact taking place. We are able to manage this in smaller groups within school with regular hand washing and discouraging children to engage in physical contact with each other.

We now have plans in place for school closure. If this was to happen during the school day or outside of it, then you would be notified via email, twitter and the website. In the event that we are closed for a sustained period of time we would be able to facilitate learning through our 'Google Classroom' platform. All children have been encouraged to log on this week so that they can use it at home and if you need support with this the Office will be on hand with guidance during a closure. Each day that we are closed, children will receive learning tasks to complete at home so that there is no loss of learning time. Thank you for your ongoing support. Please keep us up to date if you or a family member are confirmed as having Coronavirus and we can take the appropriate safeguarding action. At the moment, if families take the decision to self-isolate without medical advice then the absence will be unauthorized. Each day the situation is evolving, if you are worried or anxious about anything please talk to us and we can help where we can or signpost you to the correct support. I will be taking preemptive and protective strategies to ensure the upmost safety of children and staff.

#### **PTA News**

As you already know, due to the current coronavirus situation, tonight's discos are cancelled. Watch this space to see when they will be rescheduled.

The deadline for forms and money for Mother's Day present is Monday 16<sup>th</sup> March and (for this event only) can be via Google form and SIMS Pay or by cash and hard copy form. The event will be on **Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> March** for school (preschool will be done separately). It's a nice opportunity for children to come and choose a gift for Mother's Day. All gifts are £3.50 (gifts suitable for adults only).

On the last day of term (**Friday**, **3**<sup>rd</sup> **April**), we'll be holding another cake sale and we would like to ask KS1 parents to make or buy the cakes for this one, please.

#### **Diary dates**

- Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> March: Mother's day present room for school; preschool will be done separately across the week
- Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> April: Cake sale (with cakes supplied by KS1 children)

#### Guitar

Our resident guitar teacher, Mr Cory, may have some available slots for the forthcoming school term. If your child is interested in learning the guitar, please contact Mr Cory via email at <a href="mailto:limmypagefans@hotmail.com">limmypagefans@hotmail.com</a> 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.

### And finally....

If you would like to raise a query or complaint then please email the Office directly: <a href="mailto:office@fenstanton.cambs.sch.uk">office@fenstanton.cambs.sch.uk</a>

This will then be forwarded to me so that I can triage it for the right person in school. It also means that I manage to see everything that is coming in and have a good idea of all of the questions and comments coming into school.

Enjoy your weekends with your families,

Kind regards,

Claire Worth, Headteacher