

Fenstanton and Hilton Primary School Newsletter



June 2017

Dear Parents and Carers,

As promised here is our monthly newsletter for the month of June.

Parent Forum

Thank you to those of you who attended the most recent Parent Forum on the last day of term. These are informal drop ins where you can make suggestions and ask questions about how school is run. Our next Forum will be on a Friday afternoon as requested by a parent. It will be on Friday 7th July at 2.45pm in the hall.

SATS

I have been overwhelmingly impressed with the children and how they have coped with the recent tests. Year 6 dealt with SATs week in a calm and determined manner and Year 5 admirably handled their 'mock' week. The younger children in Year 2 also have coped so well. It is a great credit to all the teachers here that the children felt happy and relaxed whenever I saw them. Assessment has been in the media so much recently, there is lots of coverage about our increasing 'testing culture'. If you have strong opinions on this subject then it is worth following this link <https://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/cm201617/cmselect/cmeduc/682/68202.htm>

Fair Funding

Earlier in the term you were sent a letter about a parent campaign group that has been set up in Cambridgeshire for 'Fairer Funding for all schools'. They are looking to support groups of parents in every school in the County to join the campaign for fair funding for our schools. Cambridgeshire Headteachers recently wrote to Theresa May to appeal to her as we are all facing cuts that make providing a good education challenging.

School Uniform

I have noticed a marked improvement in the children's standard of school uniform since I have started here. The children are well turned out in the correct uniform. Thank you so much for ensuring your children come to school looking smart and ready to learn.

Staff changes

I am happy to tell you that we now have a teacher to complement Mrs. Thompson when she returns in July. Her name is Mrs. Kate Perry and she will teach with Mrs. Thompson in Pine Class (mixed Reception/Year 1). We also have a new team leader to replace Mr. Smith, as he will be leaving at the end of this term, in Topaz Zone (Year 5 and 6). Her name is Mrs Laura Cooper. Both teachers will be starting with us in September.

The Fen

I had the pleasure of meeting with two members of The Fen committee recently. They asked me to politely request that you park considerately at the entrance to their road. The road is unadopted so if there is any damage to your car you will not be able to claim on insurance. At this time of year there is a lot of farm machinery travelling down the road to access the fields. Please be mindful of this when parking to access school. Alternatively please use the church car park if you are driving to school.

Behaviour

The children have recently completed a survey on the behaviour at our school and how it is dealt with. I plan to ask all stakeholders about this subject, the next being parents! Watch out for a Survey Monkey later on this month.

Governors

We are looking to reinvigorate our entrance area in to school and would love to hear from you if you have the skills to help us draw up the plans. As you all know this area is looking a bit tired and could do with some TLC. It would be good to have a set of plans that can be used to go out for quotes. If you have the skills to do this, please contact either myself or Jenny Volp (Chair of Governors).

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