

Fenstanton and Hilton Primary School and Nursery

Newsletter: June, 11th 2021

A message from the Headteachers:

Welcome back everybody, we hope you enjoyed the weather over half term. Can we ask you to ensure that children come to school with a sun hat and where possible that you have already applied sun-cream. Staff are not able to apply sun-cream for children at this time.

We ended the last week of half term with an OFSTED monitoring inspection. We look forward to being able to share the outcomes of this visit with you soon. It has been quite a year with two monitoring inspections in 3 months!

Swimming has started for the children in Year 5. The children were very excited to be visiting another school with a pool! Myself and the staff who were with the class were incredibly proud of their behaviour, both travelling to and from the pool and whilst swimming. Well done, Willows'.

We are still looking for a part-time Site manager who can help with locking and unlocking the building and maintaining the school site. If you are interested in finding out more, please contact the office. The majority of the school has now been redecorated this year and some of the major repairs needed, have been completed. We are looking for someone who can now maintain the school to the high standards we expect. We can't wait to be able to invite volunteers and parents into school to see the changes we have made and to help with developing the plans we have for the future.

Can you help? Our Year 1 and 2 team now have the opportunity to develop their own outdoor learning space. This will be shared by the three classes. However, the team are looking for resources including:

- Any old big bits of fabric (we want to make a reading teepee)
- Pallets, tyres, crates, wire drums, drain pipes, tarpaulin. Basically, anything that could be good for construction.
- Tree stumps or outdoor kids seating.
- Measuring jugs, tape measures, binoculars, magnifying glasses. Anything for exploring.
- Any adults who would like to help build things. E.g. Seating, teepees, a sandpit, shed
- Other suitable outdoor learning resources and equipment.

COVID update:

We continue to stick to the same measures and bubbles at the current time. We have started to move furniture in the classrooms and seat children differently. But all other measures are still in place. We ask adults visiting the school to take a Lateral flow test the morning before they visit.

Transition:

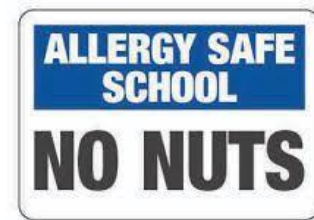
Obviously, there are still many uncertainties about when the next stage of the lockdown might be relaxed. We are therefore planning transition days as late as possible in the year. We are hoping to give all the children an opportunity to have time in their new classes and to meet their teachers in the last full week of term and to invite children joining us in

Reception and Nursery to come and visit too. We are still finalising class and staffing arrangements for next year. We wish we could tell you more, but the current advice is to maintain current bubbles and this we are doing.

Parent Consultation information will be communicated next week.

Nuts

As you know, we are a **NUT FREE School**. We have several children with allergies, so it's extremely important that we do not bring nuts into school. Please bring fruit and healthy snacks into school for break times.



Parking

Please do not park on the corner of School Lane, The Fen or Honey Hill. This is, once again, becoming congested and dangerous for the children walking and the bus dropping the children off each day. Please use the Church Car Park or another safer place to park.

PTA News

Bag2School and Balloon Race:

A big thank you to everyone who had a spring clean for our Bag2School collection this week. We'll let you know how much this raised as soon as we can. The virtual balloon race also ended this week, raising around £60 for school funds. So,

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thank you to all entered. We hope you had fun following your balloons through the race!

Summer Draw

The PTA's summer draw will take place on Friday, 2nd July and you should all have received raffle tickets sent home with your children, together with a letter containing full information. We have some fabulous prizes this year, including an iPad and £100 cash! We are still receiving generous donations of goodies from local businesses and individuals, so the list of prizes is still growing.

Please help us raise as much as we can for our amazing school by buying and selling some tickets. They're just £1 each. Please make sure all ticket stubs (and monies, if you are not paying online) are back in school **Wednesday, 30 June**, so that we can reconcile payments and get your tickets into the draw. The draw itself will take place immediately after school on Friday, 2nd July and will be broadcast live on the PTA's Facebook page - <https://www.facebook.com/FenstantonandHiltonPrimaryPTA> - with a full list of winners sent afterwards.