

Fenstanton and Hilton Primary School and Pre-school

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Message from the Head...

Dear Parents / Carers,

Last week's school discos proved a great success. I hope your children enjoyed themselves at the event, where we felt behaviour was positive and children represented themselves well. In addition to the good time had by all, around £700 was raised for the school by our wonderful PTA team.

We are seeing lots of mini skateboards (Tech Decks) in school at the moment. There have been some disagreements between children when these have gone missing or been damaged. These items are not appropriate for our classrooms and I would always urge you and the children to ensure that items that are precious or important remain at home where they will be safe. Similarly, there is a general increase in children having things to 'fidget' with in the classroom. Where we, often through partnerships with home, have identified a sensory need of a pupil, these items might be appropriate. In most cases, however, these 'toys' can quickly become a distraction to the user and their peers, therefore having the opposite impact of that which is intended. In most cases, we will ask children to keep these items in their school bags.

From next half term, our Year 5 and 6 children will join Years 1-4 in wearing their PE kits to school on PE days. As the letters home have stated, PE kits need to follow the school's **uniform expectations**. Please check that your children are wearing the appropriate uniform as they leave for school. We have purchased several plain t-shirts as back-up just in case, although I am sure you will all be keen to support us in following the expectations.

A reminder that on Monday 26th February, our first day back after half term, we will celebrate Founder's Day. We invite all Rainbows, Beavers, Cubs, Brownies, Guides, Scouts and Sea Scouts to wear their uniforms of these groups.

You should all have seen an [End of Year Reports Survey](#) this week. We have had lots of responses already and appreciate as much feedback as possible to ensure our end-of-year reports are as effective as possible.

I hope you all enjoy a happy and peaceful half term break.

With best wishes, from Richard Martin and all of the team in school

Diary Dates...

Monday, 26th February – Back to School

w/c 26th February – Scholastic Book Fair

Friday, 1st March – Mothers & Others Present Room

w/c 4th March – Parent Reading Breakfast Sessions for World Book Week

Wed, 6th March – Mothers & Others Present Room

Thursday, 7th March – World Book Day

Easter holidays Friday 29th March – Friday 12th April

Back to school – Monday 15th April

Dates, Reminders & Other Info...

Reminder: Years 5 & 6 Cambridge Festival Lecture – 18th March 2024 – photo permission and payment required.

Attached Flyer for parents/carers of **Year 5/6** pupils who have received Bikeability Level 2 training - 'Immersive Reality' Project Opportunity.

