

# Fenstanton and Hilton Primary School and Pre-school

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## Message from the Head...

Dear Parents / Carers,

I hope you and the children all enjoyed a positive half term break and are ready for the busy half term ahead! Amongst many other activities and events, we will be looking forward to present rooms, a 'Santa Run' and the Winter Fair with our PTA; nativity plays being rehearsed and performed by our younger children; a piano assembly (Christmas songs already being played!); a Christmas service in the church; and Christmas Jumper Day. That is all amongst the usual school activity, including assessments for most of our children this half term.

The children have made a positive return to school this week. I have been impressed with the way our Key Stage 2 children have responded so pro-socially to the new play equipment we have added to their playground. The PTA have kindly bought 'Jenga' towers and a giant 'Connect 4'. The children have been sharing, turn-taking, organising and tidying up really positively and we have been very proud of them. Additionally, this Wednesday was our first day of hosting our own 'Loose Parts Play' session, using all of the donations we received last half term. This was another success and a lot of fun for the children. Further donations of resources are welcomed!

Thank you to those who attended the Maths morning in school on Wednesday. It was a pleasure to host to so many of you and we are very grateful for your interest and support. The children were models of positive behaviour and I am very grateful to our team of staff for being so open to having parents and family members in their classrooms during lessons. There was a really positive feel to the sessions and we were pleased for the opportunity to allow our community to connect further with the school. For those of you who were not able to attend, you can view the presentation I presented [here](#), although without the commentary I added on the day.

This evening we will be busy in school with discos for children in Reception – Year 6. I am sure the events will be a fantastically enjoyable experience for the children whilst raising funds for the PTA! In turn, this will mean more equipment / resources / positive experiences for our children. KS2 parents, please remind your child that there should not be any mobile phones at the disco – they will be confiscated if they are being used. One last thing, all children need to be collected by an adult afterwards.

From Richard Martin and all of the team in school.

## Diary Dates

**Mon, 11<sup>th</sup> to Fri, 15<sup>th</sup> Nov** - Anti-Bullying Week

**Tue, 12<sup>th</sup> Nov** - Individual School Photos

**Tue, 12<sup>th</sup>** - Odd Socks Day (Anti-Bullying Week)

**Thurs, 14<sup>th</sup> Nov** - Year 3&4 Sacrewell Farm trip

**Fri, 15<sup>th</sup> Nov** – CIN (non-school uniform + something yellow/dotty).

**Fri, 22<sup>nd</sup> Nov** - Christmas Jumper Sale

**Wed, 27<sup>th</sup> Nov** - Weights & Measurement for Reception & Year 6 only.

**Wed, 27<sup>th</sup> Nov** - Wreath-making Workshop

## Reminders & Other Info...

**Mon, 2<sup>nd</sup> Dec** - Santa Run

**Fri, 6<sup>th</sup> Dec & Wed 11<sup>th</sup> Dec**- Present Room

**Tue, 10<sup>th</sup> Dec** - Nativity Performance (2-3pm)

**Wed, 11<sup>th</sup> Dec** - Nativity Performance (5.30-6.30pm)

**Fri, 13<sup>th</sup> Dec** - Winter Fair

**Mon, 16<sup>th</sup> Dec** - Christmas Service @ The Parish Church 5pm-6pm

**Fri, 20<sup>th</sup> Dec** – Last Day of Term