

Fenstanton and Hilton Primary School and Pre-school

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Message from the Head...

Dear Parents / Carers,

The end of term and the start of the Christmas break! The children have been excited in school but have shown positive behaviour and prosocial attitudes. We enjoyed our Christmas lunch yesterday and an afternoon watching movies in class, and have been enjoying some board games and craft activities this afternoon. Christmas is a very special time all over the world, but it is special to share the excitement with children of primary school age.

The Christmas Church Service on Monday filled me with pride and made me grateful for the position I hold in our community. Our children, staff and community members came together for a special service, with contributions from Reverend Claire and Reverend Rosie. Our choir performed brilliantly and a small group of our prefects delivered the Christmas story with great clarity.

We have had several staff absences in school this week, which has presented some operational challenges. We apologise if meetings you had scheduled have been re-arranged, or if you have found it more difficult to speak with us than you normally would. I am very grateful to our committed and skilled team of staff for making the week work for everyone, despite having six staff members off on some days. We have had to be creative at times! We are also grateful to our Chair of Governors, Mrs Webster, who stayed and supported on the playground at lunchtime today, following our meeting. Definitely showing our value of 'Community'!

Our spring term will start on Monday 6th January 2025, for all children. There will be some small changes to staffing teams to ensure appropriate cover around the school. For parents/carers of children in Escher Class, please be aware that Mr Palmer will move to be in school from Monday-Thursday only from January. Mr Palmer will be in class for all four days; I will cover on a Friday morning (instead of the current Thursday afternoon); and Mrs Smith will lead on a Friday morning. I am sure this change can work out positively and ensure continued good provision for the children.

With best wishes for a Happy Christmas, From Richard Martin and all of the team in school.

Diary Dates

Monday, 6th Jan – Back to School, Spring Term Starts

Monday, 20th & 21st Jan – Balance Bikeability (Klee)

Friday, 7th Feb – School Disco (more info to follow)

Monday, 10th Feb – Cake & Uniform Sale

Reminders & Other Info...

PGL 2025 trip -Yr6's – Payment reminder for the PGL trip in July25, please make any instalments to assist you with covering the trip costs, which must be paid in full by **25th April 2025**

Have a wonderful Christmas break, we look forward to seeing you all in 2025.