Fenstanton and Hilton Primary School and Pre-school

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Message from the Head…

Dear parents and carers,

We have BMX (Y3-Y6) and Scooter (Y1-Y2) workshops taking place in school next week. So far, only half of our children have been signed up to take part in this FREE activity. We need your consent in the School Gateway app to show your understanding of the disclaimer sent home on Wednesday this week, in order for your child to take part. We have attached the disclaimer again with this newsletter. We do not require any paper returns, only your consent to the activity in the School Gateway app. If we do not have your consent, your child cannot take part.

Thank you for supporting the PTA's cake sales this week! There were so many cakes on Monday that it was necessary to hold a second cake sale on Tuesday. We also received several uniform donations to add to our 'pre-loved' collection. All of this fundraising by the PTA helps to pay for events like the BMX and Scooter workshops (don't forget to provide your consent!!) and the upcoming trip to the pantomime in December.

Please remember that we are a nut-free school and we do have children with nut allergies, who carry emergency medication. You can support us by ensuring your children's snacks and lunchboxes and cake donations do not contain products that contain nuts. Thank you.

We are looking forward to our Harvest Festival in the Parish Church on Monday morning. We communicated with you about this on Tuesday this week. A reminder that all children from Reception-Year 6 will be attending. Children are encouraged to bring a donation for St Ives Foodbank. Tinned fruit, meat, vegetables and rice pudding is currently in urgent need, along with instant mash potato and instant pasta pots.

You will today be receiving an update on your child's attendance for this academic year. This will be shared for children who are of statutory school age (5 years +). Our average attendance for this group is currently 96.4%, so you can compare your child's attendance against that figure. You will know of any mitigating circumstances that have affected your child's attendance, but hopefully also recognise the importance to consistent future attendance in order to bring the percentages up or, in many cases, keep them at 100%. It is pleasing that we still have 98 children showing 100% attendance for this academic year!

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

Diary Dates

Monday, 5th October - Harvest Festival Visit to the church.

Wednesday 14th Oct – Open Classrooms including teacher presentations for Reception – Year 6 students.

Thursday 15th Oct - Open Evening for New Reception children in September 2027, 5 - 6pm

Monday 19th Oct, 4.30pm - Phonics Information Session for parents/carers of children in Year 1.

Notices/Reminders …

Wednesday 21st Oct, 4.30pm: Phonics Information Session for parents/carers of children in Reception/Preschool.

Monday 26th – Friday 30th October – Half Term, School Closed

PGL Trips – July and September 2027 (Yr6 and Yr5 parents) Reminder: deposit payments to secure a place need to have been paid by the deadline 12th October via School Gateway. The trips may be cancelled if there are not enough children who wish to attend.