Fenstanton and Hilton Primary School and Pre-school

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Message from the Head…

Dear parents and carers,

This has been a busy first week back to school and we have been pleased with the way the children quickly returned to their routines. The school photographs on Monday seemed to go smoothly, as did the fire evacuation drill we held on Wednesday. Thank you for your support in preparing the children for this activity. We were out of the building and registered on the bottom playground in well under four minutes. We 'announced' this fire drill so the children could prepare for it and discuss it in class. Future drills will be unannounced. I am sure you will appreciate the necessity of this to ensure we can all respond effectively should an emergency situation arise.

Next week we will be completing an assessment week across school. This will involve children from Year 1 to Year 6 completing several assessments at different points of the week, alongside lots of their usual lessons and activities. You and your children do not need to do anything to prepare for the assessments, but you might wish to discuss them at home. Attendance will be important of course! The assessments will help us understand the progress of your children and allow us to plan for future teaching.

Also happening next week are the Bikeability sessions. These will involve 23 of our Year 6 children, who will spend time on the playground before taking their bikes, under the close supervision of our instructors, out into the village to practice manoeuvres on the roads.

Next Friday is 'BBC Children in Need' day. We are inviting children to wear yellow or spots (or both!) on this day. Outside of those clothing items, it is school uniform as usual please.

We are looking forward to ending this week with the PTA School Discos, which are always good events for the children. The PTA will also be supporting the Fenstanton Christmas Lights Switch-on on Saturday 28th November, before hosting their own Winter Fair here in school on Friday 4th December. Please do support these events, which will help the PTA pay for things like December's pantomime trip. We are taking 139 children to this event!!

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

Diary Dates

Monday 9th -12th Nov - L1&2 Bikeability for Year 6

Monday 9th Nov - Assessment week in school. Year 1 - Year 6

Friday 13th Nov - Children in Need 

Wednesday 18th - Years 5&6 Duxford Trip

Tuesday 24th Nov - Parents Evening #1 face-to-face 1530-1830

Wednesday 25th - Parents Evening #2 online 1530-1700; face-to-face 1710-1830

Diary Dates & Notices/Reminders …

Friday 4th Dec - PTA School Winter Fair

Monday 14th Dec - Christmas Church Service @ 5pm

Wednesday 16th Dec - Jack & The Beanstalk at Cambridge Arts Theatre Year 1 - Year 6

Thursday 17th Dec – Christmas Lunch

Friday 18th Dec - School Closes for Christmas Break