

Fenstanton and Hilton Primary School and Pre-school

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Message from the Head...

Dear parents and carers,

I hope you have all had a positive week. We have ended this week really positively in school with the children being pro-socially behaved and accepting support from the team of staff who care for them so much. It has been reassuring to see those children who can find the start of each day difficult making progress with their challenges as they become more confident and secure in their spaces.

Please can I draw your attention to some parent sessions taking place in school over the coming weeks, as follows:

Wednesday 14th Oct, 3.45pm: Open Classrooms / Information Sessions for Reception-Year 6 parents/carers.

Thursday 15th Oct, 5.00pm: Open Evening for parents/carers of children joining Reception in September 2027.

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

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

I am sure I will be mentioning absence and attendance very regularly this academic year as we seek to improve our overall school attendance. Sometimes term-time absence is unavoidable for a variety of reasons; we do understand that. However, sometimes children miss education where the absence might have been avoided.

Following the 47 consecutive days with no requirement for children to attend school over the summer holidays, we have so far had 12 days of education lost to requested term-time absence. That's across the first 12 days of term, so this will amount to 190 days, or 38 weeks, of collective lost learning this academic year, should that trend continue. We cannot prevent you making the decision to remove your child from school during the term, of course, but absence will only be authorised in *exceptional circumstances* and is always at my discretion in my role as Headteacher. You can read a little more about this in [this guidance from the Department for Education](#).

We are excited to be welcoming our local MP, Ian Sollom, to school next Friday morning. Mr Sollom will spend time meeting our children and viewing our provision. In particular we are keen to share the ways in which we support children on our SEND register and the adaptations that are in place to help them thrive.

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

Diary Dates

Friday 2nd October - Flu Vaccinations for Reception to Year 6 Pupils (sign up only)

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

Thursday 15th October - 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

Homework

All children in Year 1 – Year 6 will have received their first piece of homework this week. Homework books should be returned every Monday at the latest, please.