Fenstanton and Hilton Primary School and Pre-school

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Message from the Head…

Dear parents and carers,

Thank you to those of you who attended our phonics sessions this week, held for parents of children in Preschool, Reception and Year 1. It was so encouraging to see such strong engagement with early reading and the way children are taught in school. Your support from home will be so beneficial to the children's progress. For Year 1 parents, we will be in touch again with ways you can support your child as they approach June's statutory Phonics Assessment.

Our Year 5 and Year 6 children enjoyed a visit from The History Playground on Wednesday this week. This was the start of next half term's learning on World War Two. In November, the children will be visiting the Imperial War Museum, Duxford to further extend the curriculum and the enrichment opportunities around it. Please look out for the letter after half term.

We will have quite a busy first week back to school after half term. On Monday 2nd November, the children will have their individual school photos. Plenty of time to get uniforms washed and pressed, and to find the hair gel!! Then, on Friday 6th November, our PTA will host the first School Disco of the academic year. You will have received information about these events this week. The important thing to note for parents of children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 is that you need to sign your children up by Tuesday 3rd November.

Our overall school attendance for children in Reception to Year 6 is currently 96%. We will be communicating regularly with you about your child's attendance throughout the academic year. Thank you for supporting us in making sure your child is prepared and ready for school, and for taking attendance so seriously. There is a very clear link between attendance and attainment, so your child's presence in school is very important. Friday is the day when we have most pupil absences, so your support in ensuring attendance throughout the week, will also be appreciated. There are still 79 children who have 100% attendance. Keep it up!!

Finally, thank you for your ongoing support for our school and our team of staff. I hope you are all able to have a peaceful and happy half term break. See you November 2nd!!

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

Diary Dates

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

Monday 2nd Nov – **FIRST DAY BACK AT SCHOOL!!!** Individual School Photos*** Wear school uniform please ***

Thursday, 5th Nov – Bonfire Special Menu

Friday 6th Nov - PTA Glow Disco's

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

Diary Dates & Notices/Reminders …

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

Friday 13th Nov - Children in Need 

Parents/carers of children on scooters & bikes: Please keep your children close to you when walking through the churchyard and out through the gate onto Church Leys/Church Lane. We have had some community reports of 'near misses with cars' because the children do not stop at the gate. It is a blind corner and a hazard for all. Thank you.