

Fenstanton and Hilton Primary School and Pre-school

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Message from the Head...

Dear Parents / Carers,

We have all been quite excited this week due to the ducklings that have been hatching in Klee Class. At the time of writing, four out of five eggs have hatched and the excitement is very much alive. Mrs Wilkins and her team in Reception have been awash with visitors from across the school all week!

Last night I attended the presentation ceremony for the Cluster School Art, Writing and Photography competitions, where we had finalists in art and writing. All of the children who entered these competitions, whether they made it to the final or not, produced some excellent work and can be very proud of themselves.

Our Book Fair has been running this week (this afternoon straight after school; please come and visit!), with support from our PTA team. The Book Fair will also be open on Monday and Tuesday after school. The sale of books supports the school and of course provides the children with a great deal of enrichment.

Next Tuesday morning, from 9.00am, Mrs Dino will be hosting a SEND Coffee Morning. This is open to all parents / carers who are interested in learning more about our SEND provision in an informal way. Feel free to join us for a drink, a chat, and to raise any questions or points you might have. See you there!

Finally, a plea from me on punctuality and attendance. Our school gates open at 8.40am each day, with children entering school at 8.50am. However, we often have children arriving much closer to 9.00am. Although as a one-off this is not a big problem, the minutes build up over time and eventually children are missing hours and hours of school life. Your efforts to support children arriving for 8.50am are appreciated. Similarly with attendance, an attendance figure of 90% might seem reasonable, but is in fact a concern. Stretched over the 14 years of a child's education, 90% attendance will result in well over a whole year of lost learning!

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

Diary Dates

Wed, 26th Mar – Mothers & Others Present Room

Tue, 25th Mar – Coffee Morning with Mrs Dino, SEND Provision, all welcome from 9am.

Mon 7th April – Monday 21st – Easter Break

Fri, 18th April - PTA Easter Egg Hunt

Wed, 23rd April – St George's Day, special lunch menu

23rd and 24th Apr – Parent Consultations – letter to come to you before the end of term for booking your appointments

Friday 25th Apr – Swimming starts for Year5's – letter to come to you before the end of term for completion

Reminders & Other Info...

PGL 25 – final balances are due to be paid in full by 25th April. Interim payments can be made via School Gateway app. **Please ensure you can pay the remainder by the deadline.**

If you have not signed your child up for their school trip, unfortunately they will have to remain in school on that day as we do not have your consent:

- Year 5/6 Cambridge Trip – **Sign up deadline passed. Some permissions still outstanding.**
- Year 1/2 Wicken Fen – **Sign up deadline 21st March**
- Klee Class - Shepreth Wildlife Park School Trip – **Sign up deadline 1st May**