



Newsletter

Friday, 19th November

Children in Need

We have not had many children in school today; however, the school has been full of bears! Many thanks for your very kind and generous donations everybody! Your contributions will be gratefully received and will make a huge difference to those in need. Thank you!

Hartlepool Foodbank

A huge thank you has been sent to the Fens Community from Trussell Trust for our amazing 429.20kg donation, which is the equivalent to 1,021 meals, and will make a big difference to local people in crisis. Thank you all!

Reading at Home

Thank you parents and carers for supporting our promotion of a 'Love of Reading' with your children at home. It has been great to see and hear so many children talking about their Lending Library book in KS1 being shared and our children in KS2 are proud of their reading stamps they have been collecting in their reading records.

This partnership with home and school makes us very proud and when we work together like this it really does benefit our children.

Many thanks

Mrs Keen

Basketball

Congratulations to our two teams who took part in a competition on Tuesday. Both teams did themselves proud and demonstrated great skill and determination. One of our teams are through to the town final and we wish them the very best of luck!

Attendance Award

The current winners are Mrs Carey's Y2 class with 100% attendance! Well done everyone!

Christmas Discos

At present, following a significant drop in rates, Covid numbers are once again rising locally, and are still classed as very high. However, and unless advised otherwise, we will be holding our Christmas discos! Please note the following in that we will be having them **during the day** on Tuesday, November 30th. There will be no charge for this. We will have Reception at 9.30-10.15, Y5&6 10.30-11.15, Y1&2 1.30-2.15 and Y3&4 2.25-3.10. Nursery will hold their own Disco in the Bousfield Learning Suite on the same day. Each child will be provided with a snack pack (including Nursery on their day) and they will be allowed to come to school in their disco clothes. They will need sensible footwear, but can bring some others to change into should you wish. Children will not need any money. We will only use the KS2 hall, and the snack packs will be in their classrooms, when children return, following their respective discos. Parents/carers have the option for their child to opt out of the disco should they wish. These children will be given alternative provision (with a snack pack!).

Merit Winners

Well done to our 'Merit Winners' for this week. Certificates and prizes are well deserved and examples include: an excellent piece of writing about anti-bullying, making sensible choices, displaying confidence, having amazing manners, giving 100% effort during swimming and an amazing prediction and summary in reciprocal reading.

Christmas Shows

DATE	SHOW	TIME	AUDIENCE
03.12.21	Nursery AM	10.00am	Nursery AM Parents/Carers
03.12.21	Nursery PM	02.00pm	Nursery PM Parents/Carers
07.12.21	Reception	02.00pm	Reception Parents/Carers
08.12.21	Y1&Y2	10.00am	Year 1 Parents/Carers
08.12.21	Y1&Y2	02.00pm	Year 2 Parents/Carers
09.12.21	Y3&Y4	10.00am	Year 3 Parents/Carers
09.12.21	Y3&Y4	02.00pm	Year 4 Parents/Carers
10.12.21	Y5&Y6	10.00am	Year 5 Parents/Carers
10.12.21	Y5&Y6	02.00pm	Year 6 Parents/Carers

As well as the discos, we are still at present planning to have live audience performances and the times are still as detailed two weeks ago. Tickets costing £1 each must be paid for in advance on Schoolmoney prior to each performance, and cannot be paid on the door (this facility is now live and if anyone has any login problems then please contact the school). We politely remind you that tickets will be limited to two tickets per family, per show, and not two tickets per child. No additional tickets will be released for these performances. Once paid for, tickets will be given to the named child the tickets have been paid for and sent home with them, so please check school bags. The purchasing of tickets will be monitored, and should you have more than one child in a particular show, and more than two tickets are purchased, the additional tickets will be cancelled, and refunds given. In the unfortunate event that we are forced to cancel performances all monies will be refunded (please note that these performances may be cancelled at short notice depending on Covid and relevant up to date guidance). Tickets are not interchangeable between performances and audience members must purchase tickets for the shows as detailed in the above table. *Due to child safeguarding issues would you please also note that no photographs or video recording will be allowed during the performance.* All monies raised will go directly to our children to provide them with the fantastic experiences they receive here at Fens Primary School.

Covid-19

Following communications with Public Health England, from next week we will send out 'warn and inform' notifications should the school community experience a positive Covid case.

Anti-Bullying Week

We have supported Anti-Bullying Week and school has had a focus on this important issue, continuing to raise the profile of unacceptable behaviour.

Climate Change and Waste

With lots being said in the news at the minute around climate change and the COP 26 summit in Glasgow, school will continue to raise awareness going forward led by Mr Collinson. As a result, next week will have a focus on climate change, waste and recycling.

Christmas Raffle

We will be holding a Christmas Raffle during the last week of term. If anyone would like to contribute prizes, then this would be greatly received. Further information regarding ticket sales will follow.