

First Week

We have very quickly reached the end of our first week back and it has been magical to see our children return to school and settle in brilliantly. This includes our new Nursery and Reception starters and other children who have joined the Fens family in other year groups. The year could not have gotten off to a better start, and we look forward to the year ahead, hopeful for a period of stability not seen in recent years.

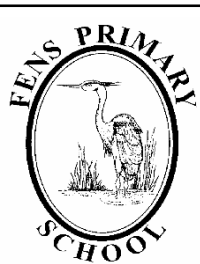
Drop Off and Collection

Thank you all for your patience as we once again have needed to introduce new morning and home time routines following the removal of staggered start times.

KS2 – Going forward, please can adults collecting Y3&4 pupils line to the right of the entry gates, and those collecting Y5&6 to the left. Many of you have already formed two lines, and although a bottleneck does start to form as you all move towards the exit, we thank you for taking your time when leaving the school site.

KS1 and Reception – So far this has worked very well, although there will be increased numbers next week once all attend from 08.45.

Please could everyone make use of the morning 08.45-08.55 ten-minute window when arriving, which would alleviate large numbers arriving at once.



Newsletter

Friday, 10th September

Photograph Day

This will take place on Wednesday, 22nd September. All children will be photographed individually, but please lookout for a letter coming home, with a slip to return to school if you have more than one child presently in school and would like a sibling photo taking also.

Lunches

Lunch is running smoothly as we have returned to a single period with mixing of children, and the children have adapted well to the new routine. The weekly cost for the 2021-22 academic year will be £10.65, which is £2.13 per meal. This is the Council's first price increase for three years.

New Staff

We have welcomed a number of new staff this term. Miss McHale, Miss Hutchinson and Mrs Britcliffe have joined us as teaching assistants in Nursery, Reception and Year 3 respectively. Mrs Light has joined as a HLTA, with Mrs Bryson and Miss Hodson joining as 0.4 teacher and catch up teacher respectively, also. We wish them the very best in their new roles!

Merit Winners

Well done to our first 'Merit Winners' of the year for their outstanding effort across the curriculum, and for being positive role models for the school. Examples include: great thinking and reasoning in maths, extra reading on Bug Club, exceptional knowledge of the countries and cities of the UK, and being a kind and supportive member of the class.

Earrings

We were pleased to announce earlier this week that children could now attend school wearing basic, small stud earrings or plastic retainers, with the proviso that they be removed on PE day, unless a child's ear had been recently pierced and were still healing. If this was the case, then children would need to attend school with their stud earrings covered (this only being temporary until ears were fully healed). This move has been greatly received, and the school has received a wealth of positive feedback. We thank you for this. However, already a small minority of parents and carers are refusing to cover their child's ears and, or remove their child's earrings on PE day and have sent children into school wearing larger, more elaborate earrings other than what is allowed and specified. For the safety of the children, if this is abused, school will revert back to a no earring policy.

Important Dates

Date	Event
Mon 25 th to Fri 29 th October	October half term holiday
Friday 17 th December	Last day of Autumn Term
Mon 20 th Dec to Monday 3 rd Jan	Christmas Holidays
Tues 4 th Jan	First day of Spring Term