

### SUPERHAIRO Thank You!

A huge thank you for your many and kind donations towards this fantastic cause and for also supporting a fantastic pupil. We will continue to accept donations until the end of the month, and will then forward these on. Thank you again!

[Little Princess Trust \(littleprincesses.org.uk\)](http://littleprincesses.org.uk)



### Chinese New Year

Happy New Year! Our EYFS are celebrating Chinese New Year and the children are having a great time. Check out our Nursery banquet below – very tasty indeed!



## Newsletter Friday, 20th January

### Industrial Strike Action

Presently, school is not affected and will remain open to all pupils. If this were to change, we will notify you as soon as possible. Thank you.

### Merit Winners

Well done to our merit winners. They have demonstrated 'Self-Awareness' and have also had 100% attendance.



### Home School Communication

Many thanks for contacting school, when the need arises. Over the years, there have been a variety of ways to communicate with us, but we feel the need to tighten up lines of communication to make things easier for all.

If you have a concern, or question, and need to speak to your child's teacher, beyond speaking to them informally at drop off or pick up times, please ring the school office on 01429 870405, or email at [admin@fensprimary.co.uk](mailto:admin@fensprimary.co.uk).

The use of our eSchools platform to communicate with your child's teacher is for school work and homework related questions **only** (or if a specific unique thing is highlighted, such as the Science Selfie Competition). Staff will not respond to other concerns or questions through this platform.

The email systems set up during the Covid Pandemic e.g. [Nursery@fensprimary.co.uk](mailto:Nursery@fensprimary.co.uk), are now no longer in use.

Here at Fens Primary School we believe in all of our staff having a proper work/life balance. Though we understand that you may have to contact staff via eSchools out of working hours we would appreciate that you do not expect a reply from the School until the next working day. Staff have been instructed by the School to use this platform productively and appropriately and not to feel obliged to respond to posts outside of normal work hours. We would like to thank you for your cooperation and understanding in this matter.

Phone calls to the school and emails sent to school will be passed to relevant staff, but again, depending on the time of the call, or the email sent, responses from school may not be until the next working day also.

We also ask that questions and concerns are first raised with your child's class teacher, before being escalated to a member of the Senior Leadership Team.

Thanks everyone.

### English Learning Walk

Yesterday morning, the senior leadership team, Mrs Keen (our English Lead) and Mr Kitching (our Chair of Governors), had an English themed learning walk around the school. From seeing reading, to writing, including phonics, spelling and handwriting (and more to boot), it was a very rewarding experience indeed. The children's work books looked amazing and the pupils themselves were enthusiastically engaged in every aspect from Nursery to Y6. The walk showcased staff and pupil talent and demonstrated an example of what our children receive – an amazing time at Fens! Thanks everyone!

### Lockdown Drill

As detailed earlier this week, a lockdown drill was carried out today. The children were amazing. They were extremely sensible throughout and listened and responded to every instruction given. Well done kids!

### Coffee Morning

This half-term's coffee morning is this coming Wednesday morning (25.01.23). Coffee, tea and biscuits will be available free of charge from 9-10.20am in the Heron Room. We look forward to seeing you there!



### Fens Science Selfie Competition 2023

For a chance to win Science goodies, just post a selfie of yourself enjoying Science outside of school!

Your selfies could include a visit or taking part in a Science activity at home. Be as creative as you like and captions can be included if you wish! To enter all you need to do is email your selfie with your name and class to **Miss Pearson** on eSchools by **Friday 10<sup>th</sup> February 2023**. Winners will be announced on **Friday 17<sup>th</sup> February 2023** in assembly. **Only one entry per person please.**