#### Maths Week – Maths Games

Wow! Thank you very much for your amazing support this week. It was lovely to see so many of you in school to support us with our 'Maths Week' games activities. As was said in the sessions, our aim is to have parents and carers in school as much as possible. We love sharing what's happening with you and your support means a great deal to both us and your children. Thank you once again and thank you to Mrs Martin and her team for planning and organising the week.



# **Lunchtime Arrangements**

At Fens, we are constantly looking at ways to improve the systems we have in place to ensure that school remains a safe and enjoyable place to be.

Having over 400 children in school across Reception, KS1 and KS2 we need to carefully manage the movement of children around school and key times. One such time is at lunch time when children are on the move to and from the hall for dinner time.

To make sure we can more closely monitor the number of children inside the school building, we have introduced a pass system for children in KS2. If children need to enter the school for whatever reason such as getting their coat, going to the toilet or taking something back inside they simply need to ask a member of lunchtime staff for a pass.

Please note that in addition to going to the toilet using the pass system whilst outside, children also have the opportunity to go to the toilet before they go outside for playtime, before and after they have had their lunch and before they go back up to class after lunchtime has ended.

#### Being A Parent

We will be hosting a one-day 'Being a Parent' session in school on Thursday 20th April from 9:00am - 3:00pm.

This session is about sharing ideas of what we do well with other parents as well as the struggles we all have- no one ever said parenting was easy!!

Whether you are a parent, step-parent, grandparent or carer, this session is open to everyone! If you would like more information, or to book a place, please contact Mrs Pugh via the usual school telephone number.

# **Being A Parent**

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# Newsletter

Friday, 24th March

#### Merit Winners

Well done to our merit winners. They have demonstrated 'excellence' and have also had **100% attendance** this week!



### Easter Egg Raffle

Many thanks for the returned raffle tickets and payments we have already received! As a reminder, if you would like to enter the raffle, payment must be made on Schoolmoney. You do not have to pay for all of the strips sent home, but a £5 maximum will be set online (you might only want to pay £2). If you would like more strips, then please contact the school office.

You must keep one strip from each sheet and send the other strip/half of the sheet back to school once payment has been made online. On the strip you send back, you must write on the name the ticket is for and the class your child is in (e.g. Y6 B, Reception C or Nursery M) **on each individual ticket**. You have five chances to win off one slip (tickets cannot be paid for separately).

Payment must be made and tickets sent back to school no later than 10am on Thursday (30.04.23) of the last week of this half-term. The draw will take place on Friday 31st March and children will choose their prizes in school.

# Red Nose Day/Comic Relief

Following on from last week's joke – a – thon (and the jokes have still been in full flow this week!), we are pleased to announce that the school community raised £234.32 in donations! Well done and thank you all!

# **School Crossing Patroller**

We are pleased to confirm that our new school crossing patroller will be in place from this coming Monday. We look forward to welcoming Mr Derrick Minton on the  $27^{th}$  and working with him going forward. We would again like to thank you for your patience and understanding whilst awaiting a replacement for Christine.

## Lost Property

We have again laid out the lost property, which is only from this academic year, and we are pleased to announce that another great deal of it has been reclaimed by the children. We, again, please ask that the children's clothes are clearly labelled, so that if any items are found on the school site, they can be returned to their owners, and the lost property pile does no grow once again. Thank you.

#### Coffee Time!

Many thanks to those who attended this week's coffee morning. As a reminder, and taking into account feedback (another You Said We Did moment), we will be hosting a coffee afternoon from 2.30-3.15pm on Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> March in the Heron Room. We look forward to seeing you there. Again, all refreshments are free.

#### Playtime Snacks and Packed Lunches

We ask that children bringing grapes into school do not bring them in whole. As they pose a serious choking hazard, we ask that the are cut in half. Thank you.

# Y1 & 2 Multi-Skills Festival

Well done to our amazing Y1 and 2 pupils who attended the sport festival on Monday morning at Brierton Sports Centre. They participated in a range of mini-games and activities and did so with great enthusiasm. Both pupils and staff had a blast!

# **Boys Y5 Football**

Well done to our Y5 boys football team who played in a competition today at Brierton Sports Centre. They demonstrated many of our Commando Joe's character values such as teamwork and resilience. Well done again to all who played in the competition – you were a credit to the school with your attitude and behavior.