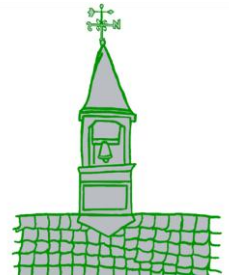




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Dear Parents/Carers,

Y6 Residential – PGL Overstand

If you followed the FJS Facebook page last week, hopefully you enjoyed seeing the many photos and short videos from our Year 6 residential at Overstrand. If you missed them, they are definitely worth a look! The residential was a huge success. We couldn't have been prouder of our Year 6 children. They threw themselves into the activities, challenged themselves, faced fears and achieved things that some of them weren't sure they could do. They were absolutely brilliant! Of course, a residential is about much more than the activities. Spending a few days away from home, taking greater responsibility for themselves and becoming a little more independent are all an important part of the experience. For some children, it was their first time away from parents or carers, which is a huge achievement in itself. There was, of course, plenty of help and encouragement from our staff along the way!

There are also some very important 'thank yous' to make. Firstly, to the staff who attended and gave up their own time. Everything outside normal working hours is given voluntarily and without their willingness to take part, our residential could not happen. We'd also like to thank those parents who have spoken to staff, sent lovely emails (and gifts) of thanks – it is much appreciated and it really does mean a lot. Finally, thank you to every family that supports the trips and residential that we offer for your children. We appreciate that these experiences come with a cost and that finding extra money isn't always easy. Your contributions allow us to continue offering these valuable opportunities alongside our everyday curriculum. It is wonderful that you do support everything we offer, so that your children can have these experiences.

Parent's evenings

It has been great to see so many parents coming to meet the class teachers at the Infant School parents' evenings this week. Hopefully you have been able to see the good start to the year your children have made. The Junior School parents' evenings are the first week back after half term.

October Half Term

Hopefully, you are all aware that the half term breaks for the Infant and Junior Schools are different from Fakenham High School this year. Whilst the high school break up today for two weeks, we will be open for the majority of next week. We break up next Thursday (22nd October) for just over a week and return on Monday 2nd November.

Harvest

The infant school have their harvest service on Monday afternoon next week, where they will be joined by Reverend Tracey. To share the message of "thank you for the harvest" we will be collecting non-perishable items for the school's food bank.

Key Dates across both sites:

Date	Event	Site (Infant/Junior or Both)
19 th Oct	Yr1 Forest School	FINS
20 th Oct	Reception Forest School	FINS
22 nd Oct	Children finish for Half Term break	Both (normal times)
HALF TERM		
2 nd Nov	School starts for Autumn Half Term 2	Both (normal times)
3 rd Nov	Flu Immunisations – Session 1	Both
3 rd Nov	FJS Parents Evening 1, 3:20-6:30pm	FJS
4 th Nov	NCMP Height/ Weight Checks	Reception & Yr6
5 th Nov	FJS Parents Evening 2, 3:20-6:30pm	FJS
9 th Nov	Yr4 Mathes Café – tbc	FJS
11 th Nov	FINS Individual Photos	FINS
13 th Nov	Children in Need	Both
13 th Nov	Yr1 & Yr2 Theatre at the Community Centre	FINS
16 th Nov	Reading Café	FINS
18 th Nov	Yr4 Norwich Castle Trip	FJS
26 th Nov	Flu Immunisations – Session 2	Both
27 th Nov	Christmas Tree Festival – Yr2	FINS
30 th Nov	Christmas Tree Festival – Yr3	FJS
1 st Dec	Christmas Tree Festival – Reception	FINS
2 nd Dec	Christmas Tree Festival – Yr1	FINS
10 th Dec	Yr3 Performance to parents 9.30am - tbc	FJS
11 th Dec	Yr3 Performance to parents 9.30am – tbc	FJS
14 th Dec	Yr1 & Reception Performances	FINS
15 th Dec	Yr2 & Yr1 Performances	FINS
16 th Dec	Reception & Yr2 Performances	FINS
16 th Dec	Christmas Lunch	FJS
17 th Dec	Christmas Lunch	FINS

With regards,
Adam Mason & Sarah Gallichan