Fakenham Primary Federation

"Together we can"

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Dear Parents/Carers,

Autumn 2 Half Term
Welcome back to the second half of the Autumn term, the half term that builds towards that festive and special time of year for both children and adults.

This is always an incredibly busy period, with events, trips, cafés, performances and, of course, lots of learning taking place in school. Please keep an eye on our weekly emails and key dates to ensure you stay up to date with everything that is happening. We look forward to seeing many or most of you over the coming weeks.

As always, if you have any concerns or worries, please do speak to us as early as possible. Letting us know promptly gives us the best opportunity to help, address any issues and continue the positive relationships that are so important to our school community.

Parent's Evenings
It has been great to see so many parents coming to meet the class teachers at the Junior School Parents' Evenings this week. If you were unable to make an appointment, or if you missed the event, please contact the class teacher directly. They will be happy to arrange a convenient time to meet with you after school or to conduct a phone consultation.

Children in Need
Next Friday is Children in Need Day. **Children at both sites are invited to come to school in non-uniform.**

Pupils at the Junior School will be taking part in the annual Children in Need Ramble. We hope that many children will also choose to make and wear a ramble hat for the occasion! Please refer to the Children in Need letter sent earlier this week for full details.

Activities at the Infant School will be more lowkey, as children in Years 1 and 2 will be visiting the Community Centre to watch a performance.

Armistice Day
Children from both FINS & FJS will be representing our schools at the local Remembrance service at Fakenham War Memorial next Wednesday. It would be lovely to see good local community support for this important and significant event. In school, children will also observe the two-minute silence and learn about the significance of Remembrance Day and why we remember on 11th November.

Poppy Appeal items (snap bands, pencils etc) are available in both schools, with all donations going to support the work of the Royal British Legion. They will be available at breaktimes from Monday, one item per suggested donation of 50p.

Admin changes at the Junior site
At the end of last term, we bid farewell to Mrs Cooper, who has worked in various roles at the school since 2008. We would like to thank her for her many years of dedicated service and wish her a happy and enjoyable retirement.

We have also welcomed our new Admin Assistant, Miss Anderson, who is settling into her new role. I am sure you will all make her feel very welcome when visiting the school or contacting the office.

Key Dates across both sites:

Date	**Event**	**Site** (Infant/Junior or Both)
9th Nov	Yr4 Mathes Café	FJS
11th Nov	FINS Individual Photos	FINS
13th Nov	Children in Need - Dress Down Day	Both
13th Nov	Yr1 & Yr2 Theatre at the Community Centre	FINS
16th Nov	Reading Café	FINS
18th Nov	Yr4 Norwich Castle Trip	FJS
26th Nov	Flu Immunisations – Session 2	Both
27th Nov	Christmas Tree Festival – Yr2	FINS
30th Nov	Christmas Tree Festival – Yr3	FJS
1st Dec	Christmas Tree Festival – Reception	FINS
2nd Dec	Christmas Tree Festival – Yr1	FINS
10th Dec	Yr3 Performance to parents 9.30am - tbc	FJS
11th Dec	Yr3 Performance to parents 9.30am – tbc	FJS
14th Dec	Yr1 & Reception Performances	FINS
15th Dec	Yr2 & Yr1 Performances	FINS
16th Dec	Reception & Yr2 Performances	FINS
16th Dec	Christmas Lunch	FJS
17th Dec	Christmas Lunch	FINS

With regards,
Adam Mason & Sarah Gallichan