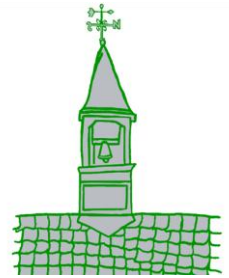




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Dear Parents/Carers,

Learning and Curriculum

We are now at the end of the second full week meaning that learning is well under way in both schools. Phonics teaching started last week, which happens every day first thing at FINS. Across both schools the curriculum builds carefully, day after day, hence good attendance and punctuality will support the children and make them less anxious.

We have been proud of the Y6 children this week as they attempted a set of 'mock' end of KS2 SATs. Obviously, they will have found this a challenge as they have only just started Y6, however, there will have been questions they could answer with Y3-5 knowledge. We sit theses 'mocks' at various points in the year to primarily give the teachers information of the 'gaps' the children may have but also to give the children the experience of these tests so that by May they just feel normal.

Home-learning

Developing good habits from the start is important and September is the perfect time to establish routines that will support children's learning all year round. Please listen to your children read, whether that is the RWI phonics books in YR-Y2 or the books from the Accelerated Reader programme at the juniors (these are just normal books with quizzes on a portal). Also don't forget to read to your children, model how to read – no child is too old for a story. Please support your children to complete any tasks set, either via See-Saw, various portals like Timetable Rockstars, My Maths, SATs Companion or completing any work/tasks sent home. This learning embeds what the children are taught at school and helps them to become more confident. Remember 'Together we can.... Be the best we can be'.

Coats and Uniform

The children are all looking smart and ready to learn in their uniform - thank you. On PE days at the junior site, please remember that the children should be in their school PE T-shirt with either black short/joggers/leggings and a school jumper/cardigan. If you want them to be in a different jumper for the PE lesson, please send this in their bag.

It is now Autumn. We realise that we may still get a few warm days, however showers and rain never seem far away. Please make sure that your child brings a coat or waterproof jacket with them each day, as we will still get them outside if the rain is not too heavy. A full day inside is tough for everyone, children and adults!

Bikes and Scooters

The use of bikes and scooters to get to school is actively encouraged; however, we have been made aware that some children are not using them safely. It is expected that children will walk bikes and scooters on school grounds, this includes coming down the path next to the driveway at the Infant school. We kindly ask parents to ensure that children are wearing helmets and are appropriately supervised on the journey to and from school to ensure safe access to the school site. Please remember that at FINS the paths should be used to access the site, not the driveway and roundabout due to vehicles moving around the site.

Key Dates across both sites:

Date	Event	Site (Infant/Junior or Both)
24 th Sept	STEP workshop for Parents	FINS
30 th Sept	Early Years Activity Trail (after school)	FINS
30 th Sept	FJS Individual Photos	FJS
2 nd Oct	Yr3 Gressenhall Trip	FJS
7 th – 9 th Oct	Yr6 Residential Trip	FJS
14 th Oct	FINS Parents Evening 1, 3:30-6:30pm	FINS
15 th Oct	FINS Parents Evening 2, 3:30-6:30pm	FINS
16 th Oct	Yr2 Forest School	FINS
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)
2 nd Nov	School starts for Autumn Half Term 2	Both (normal times)
3 rd Nov	Flu Immunisations	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

With regards,
Adam Mason & Sarah Gallichan