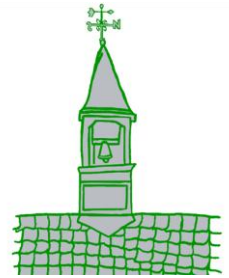




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Dear Parents/Carers,

Harvest

Over the next few weeks, the children at both schools will be thinking about the importance of Harvest time in assembly and thinking time. Reverend Tracey, from Fakenham Church, will be joining us to help the children celebrate this annual tradition. Part of the Harvest celebration is the thinking of others and the donation of food or other items. We are asking for small donations for the 'Foodbanks' at our schools, which can be accessed by all families in need. If you are able to, please can you consider donating something from the list below over the next few weeks:

- Tins, packets (pasta or rice) or boxes of cereal with a 'good' best before date
- Nappies (for any age)
- Toiletry products (soap, shampoo, toothpaste, toothbrushes etc)

You can bring items into our offices or send them in with your children, who can give them to staff in class. Thank you in anticipation of your generosity.

Trips and visits

The Y1s had a great visit to Holkham this week and next week the Y3s will be heading to Gressenhall. These 'trips' help the children to place their classroom learning into a wider context and enrich their understanding of the curriculum.

We understand that many families continue to face financial pressures and we do our best to keep prices as low as possible. As you can imagine, one of the biggest challenges is the cost of transport. We make no profit on these trips, we are not allowed to; however, we also cannot afford to fund them from our school budget. Like domestic budgets our school budget is very stretched too. Thank you for recognising the importance of these opportunities for your children and contributing the amounts we ask for, without your support, we would unfortunately be unable to run many of these educational visits.

We have asked teachers to carefully plan and limit trips to those that will have the greatest impact on learning and provide excellent value for money. We remain committed to offering meaningful experiences that enhance children's education while being mindful of the costs to families.

Early Years Activity Trail:

Next week we have the Early Years Activity Trail at FINS. This will run after school, from 3:30pm. This is for families who have a child in Nursery or Reception (but you can bring your older children along too). This year we are happy to welcome families from any setting to our evening, so if you know someone with an Early Years child then give them a nudge – point them in our direction and to the information on our Facebook site.

Facebook sites:

Don't forget to follow our Facebook pages to keep up to date with school news and events. We'll also be using our pages to give you a window into school life, sharing some of the fantastic learning, achievements and experiences taking place across our schools.

Search for your child's school on Facebook and give us a follow. We look forward to sharing more of the wonderful things happening in our school community with you!

Key Dates across both sites:

Date	Event	Site (Infant/Junior or Both)
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)
HALF TERM		
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
16 th Nov	Reading Café	FINS
18 th Nov	Yr4 Norwich Castle Trip	FJS

With regards,
Adam Mason & Sarah Gallichan