

July 2022

Fakenham Infant and Nursery School Newsletter

Hello everyone, as we come towards the end of the school year, I would like to take the opportunity to say thank you for your continued support and encouragement of the school over this period. Despite no formal closures we have faced similar challenges as a result of both staff and pupil illness. Despite this, the children have worked incredibly hard and it has been fantastic to see the progress they have made.

Over the last term it has been wonderful to have parents back into school again and both the reading cafe's and sports day were a roaring success.

We truly have shown that 'Together We Can' make a difference.

Wishing you all a happy summer holiday. Mrs Gallichan.

Farewells

As you are aware **Mrs Barker** is leaving the school at the end of this term.

In addition, **Miss Whitby** will also be leaving us to join another school closer to her home.

We will be very sad to see both these long, established members of staff leave FINS but wish them well with their new adventures.

Your Child's Learning - Summer Term

In Year 1

WOW! It doesn't seem possible that it's the last half term of the year!

We've had so much fun in Year 1 and we're really looking forward to spending the last few weeks together. During these final weeks we will be finishing off our topic of Africa and reflecting on what we've learnt. We also participated in an action-packed Sports week ending with our Sports Day. In Science we will also be looking at the structure of different plants and becoming nature detectives- looking at different leaves and identifying what tree they came from.

We are really proud of all the children in both Yellow and Teal class. They have all tried so hard with their learning this year and we know they will continue to be just as amazing in Year 2.

Bikes & Scooters

Can we please remind you
not to let your child ride their bike/
scooter down the path into school - please walk and push them.



Sunhats/sun cream

In case we get some sunshine again, please can we ask you to send your child in with a named sun hat. We spend lots of time outside and are aware there is limited shade available. Please apply sun cream before your child comes into school, if they need to reapply it during the day, please send a named bottle in for them to apply themselves.



Your Child's Learning - Summer Term

In Year 2

In Year 2 this term our topic is Australia. We have been learning about the history of the Aboriginal culture and studying the Dreamtime story - Tiddalik the Frog. We then created our own versions of this story. In maths we have been reading scales, measuring and working through challenging word problems.

We have carried out field work before and after our trip to Banham Zoo. We looked for both physical and human features on our bus journey. We also went for a lovely walk in Fakenham and asked questions at Papworth's butchers. In computing we have created our own algorithms and used the BeeBots.

In music we have been learning to play the ocarina and we have been practising performing songs. In art we studied the work of Aboriginal artist Clifford Possum and we created our own dot painting. We also looked at an original piece of art. In PE we have played tennis, archery, and we have practised running and jumping in athletics.

Your Child's Learning - Summer Term

In Nursery

We can't believe that the school year is almost over! We have been learning about journeys and transport during our "*Oh, the places you'll go*" theme. We have explored different transport and how it's changed over the years, travelled by land, sea and air to faraway places and developed our mapping skills. We have particularly enjoyed using a map to explore the school where the children were able to demonstrate their excellent sense of direction. Children have shared their travel experiences, and many have recently been on holiday!

It has been a great pleasure having your little ones in the nursery and for many, their Rainbow journey has come to an end. We will spend the rest of the term, enjoying our time together and looking back at what we have accomplished over the year. The children are extremely excited for our dress up party days and we look forward to celebrating a wonderful year together. So, remember little ones, you are amazing, always be yourself and let's get ready to PARTY!

Your Child's Learning - Summer Term

In Reception

Well we can't believe it's almost the end of term. What a fantastic year it's been!! For this last half term, we started by finishing our topic all about growing and changes. We had a surprise delivery of our own little caterpillars to care for and were absolutely transfixed with their daily progress. It was quite emotional, setting the butterflies free in the wildlife garden. Last week we had a really busy and fun week celebrating health and fitness. We did some archery, yoga, gymnastics and learnt about different foods that we can eat to help us to stay fit and healthy. Making fruit kebabs was a firm favourite. This week we are learning about how to look after our teeth and are having fun dressing up as dentists.

Our very last topic will be based around a story called The Train Ride and include holidays and the beach. We will look at the different geographical features in the book and talk about our own holidays and trips to the beach. We will also make comparisons between holidays 'now and then'.

FINS Foodbank & Toiletries - This will be shut for the Summer holiday.

We are very grateful for the food & toiletry donations and these are proving to be very invaluable.

The boxes are situated outside the office, please feel free to help yourself between 8am to 4pm Mon to Friday term time.

Alternatively, if you ring or email the office we can fill a bag for you. Thank you.

Please see contact details if in need in the holiday: Mid Norfolk FoodBank - info@midnorfolk.foodbank.org.uk - 01362 850624

A Message From HELPS

A massive thank you to everyone who came to support the schools at the summer fayre.

A thankyou to all the helpers at the school disco.

A special thank you to all the year 2 parents who have supported us while at FINS and we hope you will continue this support as your children move up to the Junior School.

Please see below to see how much we have raised:

Bags to School £108.00 Bake Sale £79.40 Father's Day £53.00

Mother's Day £ 244.50 Sponsored Bounce £1177.28 Sports Day £38.16

Discos - May £346.40 & July £197.59

HELPS has put £1163 of raised funds towards the school trips this year and also £243.49 towards the Year 2 leavers gifts. Thank you to all.



Reading at home

Please try to listen to your child read at least three times a week. If this is a struggle, reading to them is nearly as good or take it in turns to read their book.

Don't forget to visit Fakenham library they have a summer reading challenge which is fun for the children.

Car Park and Keeping the Children Safe

I would like to remind you that the car park is for **staff** only and a few parents with a parking permit. Please do not try and come into the car park; traffic will then be kept to a minimum to help keep our children safe.



Dates for Summer Term

Friday 15th July: Year 1 Outing to Gressenhall
Monday 18th July: Indigo Class leaver's assembly
Tuesday 19th July: Blue Class leaver's assembly
Wednesday 20th July: Violet Class leaver's assembly
Friday 22nd July: School closes for summer holidays

Next school year dates

Wednesday 7th Sept: School opens
Friday 21st October: School closed for half term
Monday 31st October: School opens
Friday 16th December: School closes for Christmas
Wednesday 4th Jan: School opens
Friday 10th February: School closes for half term
Monday 20th February: School opens
Friday 31st March: School closes for Easter
Monday 17th April: School opens
Monday 1st May: May Day Bank Holiday
Friday 26th May: School closes for half term
Monday 5th June: School opens
Thursday 29th June: School closed for training day
Friday 21st July: School closed for summer holiday

