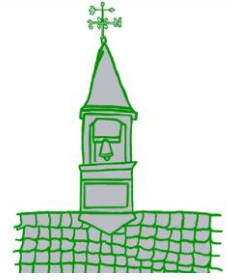




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Friday 5th May 2023

Dear Parents/Carers,

Firstly, I would like to apologise once more to the parents of children that attend our Nursery, for having to close on Wednesday. We had a COVID outbreak in the staff at FINS, with five staff linked to one class testing positive last weekend. Back filling five roles was impossible, hence in discussion with our Trust we decided we had to prioritise statutory education over non-statutory provision and use the nursery staff in the main school. I do realise that this is very difficult for working parents and I would like to thank you for your understanding and for not filling my email inbox with complaints.

It is a reminder, however, that COVID is still within the community and probably always will be. Whilst we are still following handwashing routines, the reality is that it's a very contagious airborne virus. Here is a link to the NHS COVID site [NHS COVID SITE](https://www.nhs.uk/covid-19). Please, if your child is ill or has any of the symptoms (of which there are many) keep them at home so that we can stem the spread of the illness. We will be considerate and mindful when monitoring attendance. Whilst we do have to live with the virus, it still has the capability of causing huge disruption.

Coronation

This week the children have been focusing on the Coronation in school. Both schools had 'Red, White and Blue' dress down days and Coronation lunches. FINS pupils loved their picnic on Thursday and FJS had theirs today – unfortunately, the weather did not hold out and they had to have their lunch in the hall. Assemblies have been held so hopefully the children should know some information and things to look out for if you watch the Coronation on Saturday.

The schools have also organised an Art Trail around the town for this weekend, see attached poster. The work is lovely – please go and see it, I am sure your children will feel proud to see it on display. Thank you to Mrs Cobb and Mrs Beard for coordinating this.

Assessments

We are just about to enter the formal assessment period in school once more. Y6 children have the end of KS2 SATs next week, Y2s will have their tests the following week. In June Y1 and some Y2 will have phonics screening and Y4 will have timetables checks. These are all part of our normal assessment schedule, which all schools complete. Your children have been or are being prepared and supported. I know they will be the best they can be. Please tell them not to worry, reiterate that we are all proud of them and that this is just a time to 'show off' their great learning.

Finally, don't forget this is the second of the Early May Bank Holiday weekends this year. This means that the schools are closed on Monday 8th May but reopen as normal on Tuesday. Whatever you do this weekend, please enjoy yourselves, hopefully the weather will not ruin the Coronation celebrations.

With regards,
Adam Mason