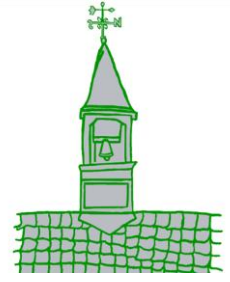




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Friday 7th July

Dear Parents/Carers,

This time of the year can stir different feeling for different children. Change is in the air and for some, that brings fear and anxiety. This is normal, it is part of wider life that we all have to get used to. Imagine the alternative; nothing changes, we never move on, eat the same food every day, read the same books, watch the same films, play the same games...I think we would all agree that we would get bored and find life very dull.

Next week is transition time for the majority of children in school (some have already had transition days). Most of Y6 children will head to Fakenham Academy for three days – they will be fine and I know they will enjoy it. All our other year groups will 'move up' for a day on Wednesday for a taster day with their new teacher. Please reinforce that feeling nervous is normal and OK, but that it is important for us to tell ourselves a positive story about how exciting it will be, with lots of new learning to experience. Change happens every year and every year the children settle to their new classes or schools – it is our job as adults to be the reassuring voice, even if we feel wobbly too!

Change is happening in the staff team too, well at one school. This summer no one is leaving the family at FINS, however at FJS we are losing two Teachers and two Teaching Assistant's. Mr Ringer has decided he needs to slow down, hence he is stepping back from full time teaching (we may still see him for the occasional day). Mrs Beard is leaving us to take up a new teaching post in Cornwall – her home county. Both Mrs Goddard and Mrs Duncan are retiring after many years of service, either here in Fakenham (Mrs G) or across Norfolk schools (Mrs D). Everyone one will miss them, not least the children and I would like to wish them all well for the future.

Please can I remind you that from September, the start and end times for the two schools change:

- The Nursery will be 8:40am-11:40am and 12:10pm-3:10pm, with the optional 'extra lunch cover in between.
- FINS will be open from 8:45am-3:15pm; the gate will still open at 8:40am
- FJS will be open from 8:30am-3:05pm

Finally, just two weeks of the school year remain, with many activities including leaver's assemblies at both schools for Y2 and Y6. We break up on Friday 21st July; FINS will finish at 1:10pm and FJS at 1:20pm – this is for all pupils.

Have a great weekend,

Adam Mason
Executive Headteacher