

"Together we can"

Fakenham Primary Federation

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Be the best YOU can be

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Dear Parents/Carers,

This week has seen the Y6s at FJS sitting their SATs – they have been wonderful, trying their hardest and although finding some parts tricky, they have shown good resilience. Many turned up for some toast prior to the start of the day, giving them time to relax, chat to friends and ensure they have 'fuelled up'. Now comes the long wait for the results, which we won't get until early July.

I am sure you have seen all the media coverage of the new government rules on Statutory Sex Education this week – I even got a call from BBC 5Live on Wednesday afternoon asking if I would be willing to speak on the issue. I pointed out 'on air' that we already have clear guidance, and I believed most schools were like ours and took a responsible and sensible approach. We use a published PHSRE curriculum called SCARF across our federation. This covers all the expected parts of relationship and sex education, and an age-appropriate level. Just as the 'new' guidance requires, what you may see as sex education occurs at Y5 and Y6 but in an appropriate way. PHRSE education does not put our children at risk but instead helps to keep them as safe as possible. If you have any concerns about what is covered in your child's year group, please speak to their class teacher who I am sure will reassure you.

On Saturday 8th June, HELPS and Friends will be holding a summer fayre at FJS from 11am-3pm. The money raised is split between the schools and used to support the little extras for your children. Please support your committees by popping in, offering help, or maybe sending in some prizes for the tombola. As I have said before, your support is so important to the children and schools.

Please remember we break up for the one-week half term holiday next Friday, 24th May (this will be dress down Friday for FJS).

Have a good weekend,

Adam Mason

