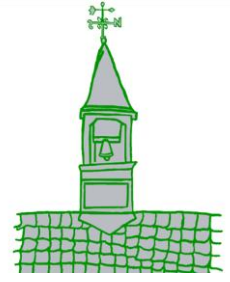




"Together we can"

Fakenham Primary Federation

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Be the best YOU can be

Friday 22nd November 2024

Dear Parents/Carers,

Attendance:

Currently the attendance percentages at both of our schools are sitting just above 95%. This is pleasing and would be judged as 'good' by OFSTED and the DfE. It is also slightly higher than we were achieving at this time last year. Attendance is important - if the children are not in school, on the days school is open, they cannot learn. I would like to thank you all for the support to help us to achieve this.

Next week we must start sending out attendance emails, where the percentage for a child is below 93%. These are sent out to ensure you are aware of your child's statistics. We are expected to monitor and support you, if appropriate, to achieve good attendance. We know that for some of the children they have been ill. They may have only been absent for one short period of time. If this is the case you have nothing to be concerned about – these letters do not mean you are being referred to the Local Authority for action. We will always take a sensible approach, our first action would be to contact you and offer support, unless the absence is due to an unauthorised holiday – in this instance we are required to refer the absence directly to the Local Authority.

Lateness is also monitored and emails will start being sent out, as arriving late not only affects your child, but causes disruption for the whole class. We realise that sometimes things happen outside of your control that cause lateness but we need to stress the importance of punctuality. The school day starts at 8.30am for FJS and 8.45am for FINS.

Mrs Denny, the pastoral support lead at FJS and the Federation attendance officer, or Mrs Gravett the pastoral support lead at FINS may have already reached out to you. If they have, or do so in the future, please work with them to help you, to help your child attend school regularly.

A copy of our Attendance Policy can be found here: <https://www.fakenhamjunior.org.uk/our-school/our-policies/>

Cafes and parent events:

Thank you to all the KS1 parents and carers who attended the reading café at FINS on Tuesday, it was great to see you – I know your children enjoyed welcoming you to their classroom.

Sadly, only a few Early Years parents came to the EY trail last week. This was a shame as the staff had put on a high-quality evening to share what happens in school and how you can cheaply and easily continue that at home. There will be other EY events – hopefully you will be able to join these.

On the 6th of December, Y4 are holding a maths café at FJS– the focus will be on how you can support your child prepare for the statutory tables check later in the year. Please come and join us – we promise not to test you!

HELPS and Friends:

Thank you to the parents and staff who have given up their time to organise and run the discos - last week at FINS and tonight at FJS. I am sure the children appreciate the efforts of everyone.

I hope you have good weekend,

Adam Mason