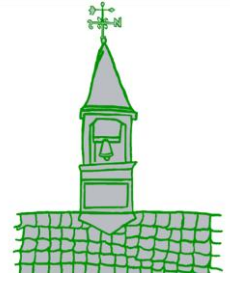




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Be the best YOU can be

Friday 24th January 2025

Dear Parents/Carers,

This week, it has been lovely to start to get around the schools and classrooms again. Unfortunately, I injured my back after a slip on some ice at the start of the month. It has made moving around difficult and painful, for the last two weeks - and I have been very reliant on the wonderful staff at both schools. All the classes are continuing to follow our curriculum, with children learning new things and adaptations being made to support this. My highlight this week was when a Y1 child clearly reasoned and explained why he knew the next number on his line was 17 - it showed a clear number sense and demonstrated the excellent teaching and learning in the classroom.

Arbor App

Next week, we officially roll out the parent-led choosing of 'school meals' on the Arbor app at FJS, although I know a few parents have jumped in already – well done. We are starting at the juniors as we have fewer hot meals to order at that site - this will allow us to discover and learn about any issues that need ironing out. Our aim is to go 'live' at FINS straight after half term, although we will confirm this at the start of February. If your child has a home packed lunch you do not need to input this on the app at present.

For the system to work you need the Arbor app. Thank you to all the parents who have already downloaded it and have logged in. At FJS we are now at 100% and as of Wednesday it was 82% at FINS. It would help us if the parents at FINS, who haven't yet downloaded the app, do this before half term in preparation for the roll out on the infant site.

The advantages of this system are:

1. You as parents know what has been ordered – you can discuss the choice with your children each day/week.
2. Whilst staff will still check that children have a lunch ordered or a home packed lunch, it should reduce administration time – especially for teachers – meaning they can focus on teaching and learning with your children much quicker each day.

We will be, and in some cases already are, using the 'in-app' messaging too, so that we can quickly and effectively communicate with you - please ensure your 'push notifications' are on for the Arbor app to receive these messages. Permissions for school trips will be able to be accessed through the app, as will all school payments. It is hoped this will make managing 'school-life' easier for all parents – after any initial teething problems are sorted.

If you need any help and support with the app, please speak to our amazing admin teams in the school offices.

Have a great weekend,
Adam Mason