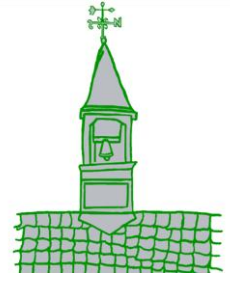




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Be the best YOU can be

Friday 25th April 2025

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back after the Easter break – I hope you had a good one and didn't over-indulge in chocolate too much. This is a very short half term, with a long May Day weekend within it – it will feel strange. However, important things are happening. The Y6 children will be sitting the End of KS2 SATs from 12th-15th May. The Y4s are preparing for the Times Table Check and the Y1s the Phonics Screening Check, both in early June. Learning is not all about these assessment points, however, they are key times in the children's whole learning journey. Please be positive with your children about learning, discuss the joy of finding things out and developing new skills. Talk about not being able to do things **yet** if they are feeling frustrated or anxious. Often a big part of success and moving forward is about your mindset.

Sadly, I need to inform you that Claire Gravett, our pastoral lead at FINS will be leaving us on Wednesday 30th April. She is going to take up a new role working for the team supporting 'looked after children' – those who have been or are in 'care'. I am sure she will be a huge success in this role, and we will miss her immensely - staff, children and many parents. I would like to take this opportunity to thank her for her great work in the pastoral role over the last two years and prior to that as a TA at FINS.

Unfortunately, due to budget constraints we are not able to currently replace the role. This means that we will be sharing the pastoral staff from FJS (Mrs Denny and Mrs Clements) across the federation. Initially we will have 7 days of pastoral time across the schools, rising to eight by the end of May – this is down from the 12 days currently available over the schools. The knock-on effect of this will mean that we will not be able to offer as much support to either children or families. Some things we currently offer will be cut back and we will have to prioritise even more. Staff may not be available to talk to you straight away but would get back to you as soon as they can. Schools up and down the country are reporting the same financial pressures that are affecting staffing and provision.

As always 'together we can...be the best we can be' even when the going gets tough!

Have a good weekend,
Adam Mason