

"Together we can"

# Fakenham Primary Federation

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Dear Parents and Carers,

# Message from Mrs Gallichan and the staff at FINS

As the year draws to a close, it has been a pleasure to sit back and reflect on not only the fantastic progress the children have made, both academically and socially but also the wonderful experiences they have had, which I hope has given them enthusiasm for learning and a positive attitude ready to transition to the next year group.

Curriculum based trips such as Sandringham, Park Farm, Gressenhall, to name a few have all added to the children's cultural capital, giving them real world experiences and bring to life classroom learning. These have been supplemented by our annual "outdoor adventurers" programme, where the children have taken part in a number of weekly outdoor learning experiences over the summer term. A great opportunity for them to mix with both different children and staff across the school. This has been further enhanced this year by each class having three half day Forest School sessions, led by Lavender Forest, where they have used nature and the outdoors to learn new skills, to take risks and problem solve with peers. The visit from the circus was a perfect ending to the year, again providing the children with both new experiences and the opportunity to learn new skills. Above all, the children had fun and we hope that we can offer many of these experiences again next year.

Thank you for your support and encouragement this year, have a wonderful summer, add to your child's real-life experiences if you can and remember to keep up with the reading!

#### Message from Mr Scannell and the staff at FJS

As we come to the end of another academic year at Fakenham Junior School, I would like to take this opportunity to say a heartfelt thank you to everyone who has played a part in making this year a success.

It has been a year filled with wonderful learning, curiosity, creativity and progress. The children have shown great dedication and enthusiasm across all subjects, with many making fantastic strides, especially in their reading and writing. We've also seen brilliant performances in sporting competitions, teamwork in abundance and lots of smiling faces in the classroom and on the playground.

As with any year, there have been ups and downs, challenges and triumphs, but through it all, the children have continued to grow and thrive. This would not be possible without the support of our hard-working staff, committed governors and of course, you—the parents and carers—who continue to support your children and the wider school community in countless ways.

To our Year 6 leavers, congratulations on a wonderful year end performance 'We'll Meet Again' – which I am sure we will! We send you our very best wishes as you begin your next chapter. We hope you leave us with confidence, independence and many happy memories.

To you all, thank you again for your support throughout the year. We are proud of what we've achieved together as a school community and look forward to building on that next year.

Have a restful, enjoyable and sunny summer break. You've all earned it!

## **Closure times on Tuesday 22nd July**

Please remember we break for the summer holiday on Tuesday straight after lunch. FJS will finish at 1:05pm and FINS at 1:15pm. Nursery will close at 11:40am. There will be no after school club on this day.

### Return from summer break.

The schools reopen at normal times on Wednesday 3rd September, except for the new Reception cohorts who will attend for the first time, on Monday 8th September. Reception staff will meet with parents on the first three days.

### Message from Mr Mason

Firstly, I want to say thank you to the staff and governors at the schools. They all work hard and always want the best for the children – without their commitment our schools would not move forward.

Sadly, it is a goodbye to some staff. Mrs Tillbrook is leaving us at FINS; she will be missed by pupils and staff. At FJS, Miss Marshall and Miss Petherick - both of these wonderful teachers joined us three years ago – it does feel too early to say farewell, but I would like to wish them both the best in their careers and lives. Thank you to all three for their hard work in our Federation.

I would also like to reiterate the thanks from Mrs Gallichan and Mr Scannell to you; whilst our year always has its successes and disappointments, what doesn't change is the pleasure we get from working with your children and seeing them progress, your support in this is invaluable. We all look forward to more learning adventures next year.

Have a great weekend – two more get ups, drop offs and collections! Adam Mason

