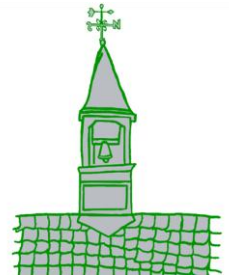




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Dear Parents/Carers,

New Starters

On Monday we welcomed our new Reception children for their first day at school. They seem to have taken to life at FINS like 'ducks to water'. They are making friends, learning and following expectations, playing, experiencing 'big' new things (like the dinner hall and playground) and managing to learn. We are all so proud of them. Next week they will start leaning their 'phonics' for the first time.

We are also pleased to say that the majority of our Yr3 children have settled well into life at the junior site. A few are still finding the initial 'drop off' a little worrying; however, we can assure you that within minutes of arriving in school they are calm, happy and engaged in their learning. Big feelings are normal and together we can support all children through this transition.

We also want to say how impressed have been with the new starters in other year groups. Joining a new school can be daunting but all the 'new children seem to have slipped in, made friends and look like they have been part of the Fakenham Schools community forever!

Mobile Phones

The policy around mobile phones at Fakenham Primary Federation is that **children are not allowed to bring any phone to school**. This is a policy supported and promoted by the Department of Education (DfE) and Synergy MAT.

Mobile phones do not make children safer, either in school or on the journey to and from school. In fact, children are more likely to be focused on a screen rather than paying attention to the world around them. In the past we have also experienced situations where older 'teenage' children have taken or damaged younger children's phones outside of school. Tracking a phone only tells you where the phone is, not where your child is.

If you do not think your child in Yr5 or Yr6 is safe to walk to and from school without a phone, then we ask that you do not let them walk alone. Some children have been seen with phones before and after school. If we believe they have a phone in their bag, we have a right to carry out a search. Any phone discovered will be removed and parents will be contacted to collect the phone. The phone will not be returned to the child.

We ask all parents not to put their child into a situation where you are asking them to not follow the school expectation and be dishonest – this is not fair on your child and goes against the values and ethos that we should all be teaching and promoting.

Dropping off, picking up and parking

Can we remind all parents that they must follow the Highway Code at all times before and after school. This is essential to ensure the safety of all road users and pedestrians, including your child.

Please can you park in safe and appropriate locations/designated carparks unless you qualify for a school parking pass. Parents should not stop on the roadside outside school simply to drop children off. This is unsafe for other drivers, pedestrians and the children themselves.

We do not want an accident to occur to anyone, especially a child. We will continue to monitor the situation and may ask the police to carry out checks around both schools. In the past, this has resulted in fixed penalty notices being issued.

Please help us to keep everyone safe by following the road laws.

Key Dates across both sites:

Date	Event	Site (Infant/Junior or Both)
15 th Sept	Yr6 Residential Parents Meeting	FJS
21 st - 24 th Sept	Yr6 Bikeability Course	FJS
24 th Sept	STEP workshop for Parents	FINS
30 th Sept	Early Years Activity Trail (after school)	FINS
2 nd Oct	Yr3 Gressenhall Trip	FJS
7 th – 9 th Oct	Yr6 Residential Trip	FJS
16 th Oct	Yr2 Forest School	FINS
19 th Oct	Yr1 Forest School	FINS
20 th Oct	Reception Forest School	FINS
22 nd Oct	Children finish for Half Term break	Both (normal times)
2 nd Nov	School starts for Autumn Half Term 2	Both (normal times)

With regards,
Adam Mason & Sarah Gallichan