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We care, we share, we learn and achieve

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Dear Parents,

Welcome Back

I write to welcome you back to a new academic year at Finstall First School after what I hope was an enjoyable Summer break for you all. I would also like to welcome all of the children who are starting their first term at our School.

Nut Allergies

I would like to bring to your attention the fact that we have a number of children in the School who have a very severe allergy to nuts. In some of these cases, if a child swallowed a nut it could send that child into anaphylactic shock, which could threaten his / her life. Even coming into contact with nuts could have serious repercussions for some of our children.

Thus, on behalf of these children and their families, I would like to make a polite request to parents to please try to avoid including nuts or "nut related products" in your child's packed lunches. This will greatly reduce the likelihood of the children coming into contact with nuts. Thank you in anticipation of your support with this rather sensitive matter.

Healthy Snacks

Please could I remind parents that children are only be allowed to bring a piece of fruit or a vegetable to School for a snack. We are aware that actual fruit or vegetables are not the only healthy snacks available to children and we do reinforce this in School.

However, the reason for us only allowing fruit or vegetables is that staff can effectively manage and enforce such a rule. I would like to reassure parents that staff do try very hard to ensure that this rule is enforced consistently, whether this is done formally by asking children to hold up their snack or more informally by subtly checking the children's snacks as they lead out of the class room. It would be impossible for staff to enforce this rule if we allowed a range of alternative "healthy" snacks as they simply could not be expected to check the nutritional content of every packaged article to see if it was, in their opinion, "healthy" or not. Children in Years R, 1 and 2 are already provided with a free piece of fruit at School for a snack each day but they are welcome to bring another if you wish.

Lunch Time Supervisor - Vacancy

Should any parents be interested, or know of anyone who may be, we do still have a vacancy for a Lunchtime Supervisor. Further details are available from the School Office.

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Mrs Law (formerly Miss James)

On behalf of everyone connected with the School, I would like to offer our congratulations to Mrs Law and her husband who were married during the Summer holidays. They enjoyed a wonderful day followed by a romantic honeymoon in Mexico.

Class Pages on the School Website

As all of our classes now have new names, as explained in my letter of 11th July, all of the Class pages on the School website have been re-set and will need to be re-populated by staff. This will take a little bit of time and staff will probably begin this process from the start of next week. Please bear with us whilst this process is being completed.

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely,

Stuart Evans
Head Teacher

