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We care, we share, we learn and achieve

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Dear Parents,

PA Summer Fete

Further to my letter of 28th June, I write to inform you that, as a result of everyone's efforts, the PA Summer Fete raised an incredible £2,844.12 which is a fantastic achievement and will help to further improve the education provided for the children at Finstall First School. Thank you all, once again for supporting the Fete and thank you, especially, to the PA Committee who worked so hard to put the whole event together.

School Sport / Healthy Schools / Well-being Week and Sponsored Walk 2016

I would also like to say a huge thank you to all the children, staff and parents who helped to make our School Sport / Healthy Schools / Well-being Week such a success. We saw a significant rise in the number of children riding or walking to School and we hope we have managed to raise awareness of the need to keep our public footpaths open. I would like to say a special thank you to the members of the PA who provided all of the children with an ice-pop when we reached Penmanor Playing Fields.

Thank you to all the families, friends and relatives who sponsored the children and helped us to raise money for both our school and to enable us to move our defibrillator onto Carnforth Road to allow public access to it 24 hours / day. Thanks to your efforts, we managed to raise £1,122, which is a phenomenal effort. We will be putting £561 towards the cost of moving the defibrillator. We are hoping to receive a grant, through the District Council, to meet the remaining costs. Thank you again for your very generous support.

Year 4 Performance - Collections for the St Vincent de Paul Soup Kitchen, Birmingham and Acorns Children's Hospice

On behalf of everyone in Year 4, I would like to thank all those parents and friends of the school who contributed to the collections at the end of the Year 4 performances of "Pantomime Pandemonium." We managed to raise £101.16 for the St Vincent de Paul Soup Kitchen in Birmingham and £154.42 for Acorns' Children's Hospice. Thank you for giving so much towards these very worthy charities. I would also like to congratulate Year 4 on their fabulous performance, which was enjoyed by all.

Diary Dates

Please find, attached, an updated list of dates for your diary, which I trust you will find useful.

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Staffing Changes

I would like to inform parents about some changes to the organisation of Staffing in the School, which will take effect from the start of the Autumn term 2017.

Mrs Bennett will be working in Year R from Wednesday to Friday, alongside Mrs Desmond who will be taking the class on Mondays and Tuesdays. The other Year R class is unchanged and will continue to be taught by Mrs Hellawell and Mrs Hodges. Similarly, there are no changes to the teaching staff in Years 1 and 4. Mrs Barton will be returning to Year 2, whilst the other class will continue to be taught by Mrs Bolton. Mrs Bevins will be working on Mondays and Tuesdays in Class 3DB, alongside Mrs Davis, who will be teaching the class from Wednesday to Friday. Meanwhile, Mrs Evans will be teaching from Monday to Wednesday in Class 3ED, alongside Mrs Desmond who will be teaching the class on Thursday and Friday. Madame Evans will continue to teach French in Years R and 3, but these lessons will now be taught on a Wednesday.

Miss Higgs / Mrs Morgan

I would also like to inform parents that, during the Summer Holidays, Miss Meghan Higgs will be getting married. I am sure that you would like to join me in sending Meghan and her new husband our very best wishes and congratulations. When she returns in September, she will be known as Mrs Morgan and her class will be known as 1M.

Mrs Lorraine Jones

I am sorry to say that Mrs Lorraine Jones will be retiring at the end of this School year. Mrs Jones has been working at our School since 2011, both as a Lunchtime Supervisor and as a Teaching Assistant. She has spent most of her time with the children in 3JE, as they have moved through the School. I am sure that you would like to join me in thanking her for the significant contribution she has made to our School and in wishing her a long and happy retirement.

Castle Kids Holiday Club

The Castle Kids Holiday Club will, once again, be operating from Fininstall First School during the Summer holidays from Monday 24th July to Friday 1st September. There will also be optional trips to Cadbury World, Ash End Farm, Pottery, Warwick Castle, the Malvern Hills, The Black Country Museum, Plantasia, the Cinema and McDonalds and Ragley Hall. Registration forms and further details are available from the School Office.

Year 4 Bell-Boating Teams Victorious at Regatta

I would like to congratulate the children in Year 4 who took part in the Bromsgrove and District Bell-boat Regatta at Upton Warren on Wednesday 12th July. The two Fininstall teams gave an excellent account of themselves in one of the largest Regattas held, involving 37 Year 4 teams in total. They fought out an incredibly close Final, with one Fininstall team edging out the other Fininstall team to finish 1st and 2nd, well clear of the other crews. It was the first time that 2 crews from the same School have finished in the top two positions. In addition, the children's behaviour and sportsmanship were exemplary throughout the day. Very well done!

You can watch the final here: http://www.fininstallfirst.co.uk/website/bell_boating_regatta/294287

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely,

Stuart Evans
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