



# ***FINSTALL FIRST SCHOOL***

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***We care, we share, we learn and achieve***

6<sup>th</sup> October 2017

Dear Parents,

**School Photographs – Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> October 2017**

I would like to inform parents that the children will be having their photographs taken on the morning of Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> October. These will be made available for you to buy although I would like to stress, at this point, that parents are under no obligation to purchase photographs at any time.

Parents who wish to include Pre-school, Middle or High School siblings in the photographs may report to the school office at 8.30am. Please let your child's class teacher know if you would not like brothers and sisters to be photographed together. You will be able to decide whether to purchase the photographs after you have received 'proof' photographs with prices. Payment details will also follow at this point.

**Arts Week**

I am pleased to inform parents that, during the week commencing 16<sup>th</sup> October, we will be holding an "Arts Week" to help to develop the children's creative and artistic skills. Activities will include the following:

- Year R and Year 4 will be working with an artist, who specialises in Clay Work, including Pottery
- Year 2 will be working with an artist, doing some Silk Painting
- Year 3 will be working with an artist, working with felt
- Years 1 - 4 will be taking part in an African drumming workshop
- All of the children will also be taking part in a "Dahlicious" Rold Dahl Day on Friday 20<sup>th</sup> October (Please see details on the separate letter from Mrs Barton).

A whole host of other activities, related to the arts, will also be taking place throughout what we are sure will be a thoroughly successful, enjoyable and worthwhile week. In addition, all of the children will be receiving a Road Safety Talk from Janet Steel, Worcestershire's Road Safety Instructor, on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> October.

**Macmillan Coffee Morning**

I would like to say a huge thank you to all parents and friends of the school who supported our Macmillan Coffee Morning on Friday 29<sup>th</sup> September. We managed to raise £1,258 for Macmillan Cancer Research and the children are so proud that they were able to raise so much money for such a worthwhile cause whilst also being able to provide food parcels to two homeless shelters in Bromsgrove.

**Castle Kids Holiday Club**

The Castle Kids Holiday Club will, once again, be operating from Finstall First School during the half term holiday from Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> to Friday 27<sup>th</sup> October. There will also be optional trips available during the week, including Ice Skating and a trip to the Cinema followed by lunch at McDonalds. Registration forms and further details are available from the School Office.

**Lunchtime Supervisor Vacancy**

I would like to inform parents that we still have a vacancy if anyone would be interested in becoming a lunch time supervisor. If you are interested or if you know of someone else who may be, details are available from the School office.

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### **Mrs Hellowell's Absence – Class RH**

Unfortunately, Mrs Hellowell, who works from Monday to Wednesday in Class RH, has been absent from School since the start of last week as she has been suffering from severe back pain. She has been receiving treatment and hopes to be back before too long. Whilst she has been absent, Mrs Cleary, who is a very experienced Foundation Stage teacher, has been covering the class on Mondays and Tuesdays, whilst Mrs Bevins has been taking the class on a Wednesday morning. Mrs Hellowell usually has planning time on a Wednesday afternoon so arrangements at this time have not been affected. Until, Mrs Hellowell returns, we will be doing our utmost to ensure that the same staff are used to cover for her to provide as much consistency for the children as possible.

### **School Council**

I would like to congratulate the following children who have been elected onto the School Council following this week's Class elections:

Lola-Rose Barnett 1H  
Zach Worn 1MM  
Murray Smith 2H  
Lewis Rogers 2AB  
Kelso Palin 3DB  
Bella Hopkins 3ED  
Owen Marcetic 4M  
Tristan Rea 4J  
Isla Meddings and Zack Williams (Joint Chair Persons - Year 4)

### **Head Teacher's Absence**

I also wanted to let you know that I am recovering steadily from my knee operation. Although I am not very mobile, modern technology has allowed Mr Mason and our excellent team of staff to keep me updated on almost everything that is going on at School. It has also provided me with an opportunity to catch up on some School paperwork!

On behalf of the staff, in my absence, thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely,

Stuart Evans  
Head Teacher

