



FINSTALL FIRST SCHOOL

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We care, we share, we learn and achieve

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Dear Parents,

Mrs Hirschman – Class Teaching Assistant in Year 2 - Kestrels

I am writing to inform you that Mrs Hirschman will be leaving her position as a Class Teaching Assistant at the end of this term to take on a new role, working alongside her husband. Mrs Hirschman has worked at our School for over 18 years and, of course, we are sorry that she will be leaving this role. However, Mrs Hirschman will continue to work in some capacity at our School as she has agreed to do some work as a Relief Teaching Assistant, she has also offered to run some of our intervention groups and she will continue to support Nathan with Dance Club on a Wednesday and a Friday. On behalf of everyone connected with the School, I would like to thank Mrs Hirschman for the contribution she has made to our School over the years and we would like to wish her the very best in her new job.

We are looking to make an appointment to this post before the end of term and we will update you at this point. Mrs Mealyou-Went has agreed to run the Movement Group on the days when Mrs Hirschman is unavailable from January 2019. Movement Group will start in the New Year, at the same time, on Wednesday 9th January.

Diary Dates

Please find, attached to this e-mail, an updated list of dates for your diary, which I hope you find useful.

School Closed to pupils in Year R – Thursday 2nd May 2019

In the list of Diary Dates, you will notice that the School will be closed to pupils in Year R on Thursday 2nd May because the Reception classrooms will be used as a Polling Station for the County Council Elections. We apologise for any inconvenience this may cause and also request that all parents make a special effort to avoid parking in Carnforth Road and Green Park Road on this date to allow easier access for members of the public who wish to vote in the Election.

On this day, children and parents will not be able to access the School through the gates that lead into the Year R classrooms at the front of the School. The Year R classrooms will only be open to members of the public who wish to vote.

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“Purple Mash”

We have re-issued all of the children with their “Purple Mash” log-in. This is an online resource that the children can use at School and at home to support their learning. Children can access “Purple Mash” by clicking the “Links” tab at the top of the School Website and then clicking on the “Purple Mash” icon. The children’s log in details have been glued into the front of their Communication Books. To find out more about “Purple Mash, please click the link below:

<https://www.sutton.lincs.sch.uk/attachments/article/39/Purple%20Mash%20Letter%20for%20Parents.pdf>

Assessment Information

Following our various self-evaluation activities, one area that we felt that we have not been doing as well as we could relates to letting parents know exactly how well the children are performing when compared with other children nationally. Therefore, in the attached table, we have put together some assessment information from key points in your children’s journey through School and, where possible, compared the performance of Finstall children against other children nationally. The data below relates to the last academic year – 2017/18.

As you will note from this information, the children at Finstall First School are performing incredibly well when compared with children nationally and continue to do so when they take the End of Key Stage 2 SATs at the end of Year 6 at Aston Fields Middle School.

Obviously, we are very proud of the children’s achievements and I am sure that you will feel the same. Thank you, once again, for your continued support, which makes such a difference to your children and the progress they make.

Yours sincerely,

Stuart Evans
Head Teacher

