



16th November 2017

Dear Parents/Carers

As this is always the busiest half term of the school year, I wanted to write to you with some updates and reminders.

Our festive fun begins on Friday 1st December with a non-uniform day. If your child would like to attend school on this day wearing their own clothes, then please donate £1 to school's PTFA to help them fund prizes for this year's Winter Fair. The Fair itself will be held on Wednesday 13th December at 3pm and the pupils will finish school at 3pm on this day to allow them time to explore the stalls with you as a family.

Our school Christmas lunch this year is on Friday 8th December. If your child already has school lunches, then they will automatically take part in this. However, if your child normally brings packed lunches to school you can book and pay for them to have a school dinner on this day by contacting the office.

As always, The Ferns Primary Academy will be taking part in Christmas Jumper Day on Friday 15th December. This year, the donations will be split between 'Save The Children' and 'Bolton Hospice'. Please check newsletters and any letters that your child brings home for the dates of this year's Christmas shows. Tickets normally sell out quickly so be sure to purchase yours as early as possible once you are notified that they are on sale.

In the midst of all of the winter fun and festivities, may I now take this opportunity to announce that I have decided that this will be my final term at The Ferns Primary Academy. It has been such an honour to work with your children, as pupils past and present, over these last six years. For those of you who had children at the school in 2011-2012 when I first started, I hope that you are as proud as I am of the incredible journey that we have all been on with this school. For those of you who are newcomers to The Ferns, I have no doubt that the success that we currently celebrate will continue long into the future.

Before the October half-term, Northern Education Trust appointed Mr Howard to be Principal of The Ferns Academy from January 2018. Mr Howard currently works at a primary school in Salford and he is keen to lead The Ferns into its next chapter. He will be visiting The Ferns during this term to get to know our staff, children and families.

May I thank you with greatest sincerity for all of your support over the years and I wish you all the very best for the future.

With my best and kindest regards.

Yours faithfully

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