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Dear Primary Parents,

It is hard to believe that we have come to the end of another school year. What a year of change this has been, moving from covid restrictions and back to normality. This year has, like the three before seen a different normal but I have been extremely impressed by the flexibility, enthusiasm and perseverance of our Primary Section students. Unlike the previous two years this academic year has given the opportunity to mix with other students as we were no longer in 'bubbles'. Also fieldtrips resumed and of course, we have been able to welcome parents and families back into school to help celebrate their children's achievements.

As this year progressed the number of pre covid activities increased, so we have been particularly busy in the last two terms, and these seem to have gone very quickly. As a Primary Section, we celebrated National Day with the rest of the school in a very uplifting celebration of 51 years since the founding of the UAE. Other whole school special events have been marked with formal events and assemblies these are Flag Day, Martyrs Day and Emirati Children's Day. As the year progressed, the number of 'normal' activities increased so we have had a particularly busy last two terms which seemed to have gone very quickly. Other events have been celebrated throughout the year: World Book Day, World Wildlife Day, and Environmental Day also 'Welcome to the Rock Pool' a production by Grade 1 and 2. Fit for Fujairah took place where the children enjoyed extra PE activities in the mornings and looked forward to the different challenges set by Mr Paul and Ms Courtney. It has been a pleasure to see them showing so much pride in participating in these events. The children were very pleased to be back doing sports day with their parents and families supporting them. We were then able to finish the year with Open Days and Graduations which were attended by most parents and families, and it was a pleasure to host so many to celebrate the successes of the children.

Class Assemblies have been a highlight of the year for many children as during these they were awarded 'Star of the Week' and 'Fujairah Friendly Kids' for their strength of character. House Points for hard work. Camels and Gazelles for attendance. Pen Licences for both Arabic and English penmanship and competition prizes. A sense of community spirit has definitely reappeared, and it is good to see the children playing again at break times and during our many extra-curricular activities.

As we come to the end of the academic year, it is time when we say farewell and thank you to staff who are leaving Ms Jade, Ms Jodie, Ms Shimaa, Ms Raj, Ms Bincy, Ms Charmaine and Ms Maria from the Primary School staff and also to Ms Pam who has been our school librarian and has been a big part of the students' lives as she guides their book choices. We wish them all well in their in the future and thank them for their hard work and dedication during their time at FPA.

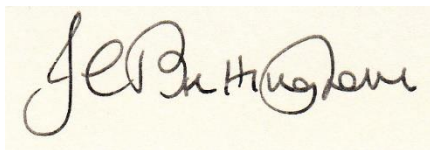
September will therefore bring changes as we welcome new staff to join our school. Primary School will consist of Grades KG1 up to Grade 5 from 2023-2024 academic year. Middle School will consist of Grades 6 and 7. This will allow us to continue to develop the independent skills of our students before they move.

The school uniform for Grades KG1 -Grade 5 remains as this year with Grade 5 having the Primary uniform and a full uniform list will be sent in July.

The school office will have reduced staff from the 14<sup>th</sup> of July until 9<sup>th</sup> August, but urgent contact can be made by **email to [admin@fpa.sch.ae](mailto:admin@fpa.sch.ae)/administrator@fpa.sch.ae/accountant@fpa.sch.ae** or messaging the **school mobile 050 434 5358**. Fee payments made directly to the bank will have receipts processed during this period and emailed but we are unable to process other documents until 14<sup>th</sup> August as signatories are not available. Admissions applications will also be accepted but the first date for assessment will be August 16<sup>th</sup>.

May I wish everyone an enjoyable summer vacation and looking forward to seeing our students on **28<sup>th</sup> August for the first day of term** and parents with the many opportunities which will exist to join in the activities of the school.

Yours sincerely,

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Jan Brettingham Ms  
Principal

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Nicola Kelly Ms  
Head of Primary Section