



Fairfields' News



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Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been a great week at the school! The children have enjoyed getting to know their new teachers and new classrooms and it will help to make everyone start the year feeling more relaxed and informed than in the past.

Year 4 had a great time on their visit to the Living Rainforest on Tuesday and their conduct was impeccable. Well done Year 4 and thank you to the team for organising the visit linked to the curriculum.

On a completely different note, I have received an extraordinary amount of requests for time off in the last few weeks of term. This is really detrimental to the school and also to the children who will miss their end of year transition and saying goodbye to their teacher. From September, we will be reviewing and updating the form completed for requesting time off. If a parent takes their child out of school for 10 sessions (5 days) they will receive a Penalty Notice. I hope that you understand why the school has to take this seriously.

The OFSTED Framework has the following criteria to achieve a Good grade in inspections:

- Pupils are punctual and prepared for lessons. They bring the right equipment and are ready to learn.
- Pupils value their education. Few are absent or persistently absent. No groups of pupils are disadvantaged by low attendance. The attendance of pupils who have previously had exceptionally high rates of absence is showing marked and sustained improvement.

At present, the high rate of absence caused by holidays is an area we have to address. Please find attached the Policy which will be applied consistently from September.

Finally, the Year 6 children have been working really hard on their production in their final few days at Fairfields. We will be sad to see them go at the end of the year and they have made us proud with how motivated they have been throughout the year to strive to be Ambassadors of Excellence. Thank you to the Team for putting together a final Production to be proud of.

Have a lovely weekend and we look forward to seeing you on Monday and Tuesday next week.

Kind regards,

Miss Kelly Dillon

DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES



Please be aware that occasionally dates have to be changed, so check newsletters regularly for any amendments.

- 21 July 17 Year 3 Living Rainforest trip
- 21 July 17 Year 6 Production 6pm
- 24 July 17 Year 6 Production 6pm
- 24 July 17 1D Presentation assembly 2.30pm
- 25 July 17 Year 6 Leavers Assembly 9am
- 25 July 17 Last day before Summer holiday

Summer Break 26 July –5 September 17

6th September 2017 First Day back

Headteachers may not grant any leave of absence during term time unless there are exceptional circumstances

Lost Property

In the office we have keys, glasses and purses unclaimed so please check before we break up for the Summer.

There are also several water bottles under the canopy.

Lily Morris in 4S has lost her pink pig head purse.

PTA Discos

A big Thank You to all the parents who came along to help make the night a great success.



Reminders for Next Term

Mobile phones in school



If pupils need to have a mobile phone in school for communication after school then it needs to be handed in to the school office in the morning and collected at the end of day.

Thank you

Scooter and Bike Safety

Please supervise your child when they are riding their bikes or scooters .
It is also advisable for them to also wear a safety helmet.

Bikes and scooters should be walked into the school grounds to avoid accidents.

Bikes and Scooters should not be left in the Bike Shed overnight.

P.A Kit and Uniform



Just a reminder that P.A Kit should be

- * Black shorts
- * White t-shirt
- * Jogging bottoms or similar for outdoor P.A
- * Sweatshirt or similar for outdoor P.A
- * P.A shoes-trainers or plimsolls
- * Uniform should consist of shorts ,trousers or skirt.
- * No leggings please.

Thank you

Healthy Packed Lunches



Does your child have a packed lunch?

Do you try to give your child a variety of food?

Will their lunch help them in their learning during the afternoon?

Please do think about what your child has to eat in their lunch box to give them the best chance you can to do their best in school during the afternoon.

A hot school dinner costs £2

Water Bottles

Please make sure your child has a named water bottle so that when they get lost they are easy to trace.



Reminder about free parking at Castons car park

A note from Basingstoke & Deane Borough Council:

In an attempt to ease the parking situation around Fairfield's school, parents taking their children to the school can park for FREE for up to 30minutes in Castons car park, with access to the car park being gained via New Road. This will allow them to walk their children the short distance to the school in the mornings and collect them in the afternoons.

The 30 minute free parking will apply during the school dropping off and picking up times of 8.30am to 9.30am and from 2.45pm to 3.45pm.

Parents will NOT be required to obtain a pay and display ticket from the car park ticket machines, and they must not park in any of the permit parking only bays.

Please display a note in your car to say that you are from Fairfield's Primary School