



Fairfields' News



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Dear Parents and Carers,

We have had a great, albeit cold week at school.

Over the last few weeks the children have been working hard to complete longer pieces of writing based on their Creative Curriculum topic. We will be using this to update our assessment of the children in writing. We will also be asking children in Years 1- 6 to complete short tests as a way of moderating our Teacher assessment. For this reason, it is imperative that your children attend school regularly until the end of term.

As a school we have been looking at ways in which we can support children with additional needs as well as stretch and challenge the most able pupils. As a Staff we put together a manifesto which outlines ways in which we will provide support and challenge. This was then shown to children in each class and they have also given us feedback. Likewise, Governors have looked at this and we are now in a position to share our Support, Stretch and Challenge Manifesto (attached). This will be on display in each classroom and our aim is that the statements in it are followed in each lesson.

We are also pleased to announce the appointment of Lizzi Roche and Leah Moore as teachers at Fairfields. Ms. Roche will teach 4R until the end of the year and Miss Moore will teach 2FM whilst Mrs McKay is on maternity leave. We are really pleased with these appointments as the children will already know the teachers.

We are sorry but we have been asked by the church to restrict numbers on this year's Christmas Church Service (Thursday 21st December 2.00pm) due to health and safety reasons. To try and resolve this, we are asking the following this year:

- Please can only one adult for each family attend the service (unless we have a number of spaces still available in the week of the service).
- Please can you phone the school office, or pop in, to put your name down if you would like to attend. We will have 170 spaces but please note that these may not be seats and you may still need to stand. Please can you only bring pushchairs if you really need to, and if you need to bring them into the church, you will be asked to leave them to one side and may not be able to get to them during the service. As the service is quite long, and to further help with space, Foundation Stage will not be joining us for the service this year. We are sorry to make these changes but as I am sure you will understand, the safety of the children and adults who will be in the church is very important to us and we need to follow the guidance we have been given by the church.

Finally, I hope that you will join us at the Christmas Fair next Friday evening. The money raised at the event will be used to provide lockers for Years 1 and 2.

I hope that you have a lovely weekend.

Kind regards,

Miss Kelly Dillon

Headteacher

DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES



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

- 04.12.17 Last week of clubs
- 07.12.17 Non-school uniform day/Dress down Thursday
- Donations for PTA Christmas Fair
- 08.12.17 Christmas Fair 3.30 –7pm
- 13.12.17 Christmas School Lunch
- 14.12.17 Yr 5 Peter Pan
- 21.12.17 Christmas Service All Saints Church 2pm
- 21.12.17 Last day of term

Half term 22.12.17 to 04.01.18

- 04.01.18 Inset Day
- 05.01.2018 School Starts
- 29.03.18 Inset day
- 23.07.18 Inset Day
- 19.11.18 to 23.11.18 Year 6 to Hindleap Warren, East Sussex

Head teachers may not grant any leave of absence during term time unless there are exceptional circumstances.

Requests to see Miss Dillon and Mrs Hopkins
Please note that Miss Dillon and Mrs Hopkins are on the gate each day before and after school and have the parent drop in sessions below free for any concerns.

Parent Drop in Sessions

Miss Dillon has a drop in session on Thursday
7th December from 9 –11pm.

Mrs Hopkins- Thursday 7th December from 1.15-3pm.
Please see the office to make any appointments.

Thank you

Starting School in September 2018

Was your child born between 1st September 2013 and 31st August 2014?

From 1st November 2017 Hampshire residents can apply:

- Online at www.hants.gov.uk/admissions where you can also find information about schools in Hampshire; OR
 - Using a paper application form available from any Hampshire or Infant Primary School
- Application deadline is MONDAY 15 January 2018

Christmas Lunch 13th December

If your child requires a Christmas lunch then please order by December 7th online.

Menu

Roast Turkey with Chipolatas, Sage & Onion Stuffing & Gravy

Or

Roasted Quorn Fillet, Sage & Onion Stuffing & Gravy

Roast Potatoes

Garden Peas

Carrot Batons

Brussels Sprouts (optional)

Chocolate Fudge Cake with Chocolate Sauce

Or

Strawberry & Vanilla Ice Cream

Or

Fresh Fruit

CHRISTMAS FAIR



You still have time to donate for our Secret Present room.

Also we need you.... Please let us know if you are able to help on the day. The more helpers the less you need to do!

*Refreshments stall *Craft room *Higher/Lower game

*Guess the name *Chocolate tombola

*Sweet stall *Christmas tombola *Face Painting

*Popcorn machine *Santa's Grotto *Lucky Dip

*Entrance *Christmas crafts *Secret Present room

Email us fairfieldsPTA@gmail.com, find us on Facebook or let the office know how we can contact you.

P.E Kit and Uniform



Just a reminder that P.E Kit should be

- * **Black shorts**
- * **White t-shirt**
- * **Jogging bottoms or similar for outdoor P.E**
- * **Sweatshirt or similar for outdoor P.E**
- * **P.E shoes-trainers or plimsolls**
- * **Now we have colder weather tracksuits can be worn.**
- * **Uniform should consist of shorts ,trousers or skirt. No leggings please.**

Please make sure suitable footwear is worn(black), especially now the weather is colder and the ground is slippery so a good grip on shoes would be advisable. No trainers please.

Suitable black ankle boots can be worn for Winter.

Thank you



Thank you



A big thank you from Basingstoke Food Bank for your generous food donations this Harvest which enabled them to provide 287 meals for many families.

Lost Trophies and Property



We have several trophies left in Freddie's Club dated 2004.

We also have lots of smaller items in the office including glasses so please ask in the office if you are missing anything.