



Fairfields' News



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Dear Parents and Carers,



We are finally at the end of a very long term and I wanted to celebrate some of the things that have happened in the school this term.

The children have been working so hard to improve their writing in class. The Creative Curriculum has provided a rich context for our learning and the children have really expanded their language and vocabulary. As a result, the books show that children are much more interested in what they are writing about. They write longer pieces now and are also able to use vocabulary learned within their work. The presentation assemblies this term have demonstrated this and the children have been able to talk enthusiastically about what they are learning.

The mathematics teaching has improved in the school due to the focus on reasoning. Children are now been challenged further using Mastery Checkpoints and further tasks. They are also being asked to prove their answers more often. This will continue to deepen their understanding of mathematics.

The Read, Write, Inc. teaching in Foundation Stage, Year 1 and 2 has meant that more children are reading than in previous years. There are also a number of children in older years receiving support through this scheme. The results so far show that all children are making progress and that some children are moving up two groups!

We have also recently introduced a scheme in Years 3- 6 so that children can learn French as part of their Modern Foreign Languages curriculum. I have overheard children beginning to use French words to name objects and we will continue to develop this throughout the year.

Our Foundation Stage children continue to thrive with their newly designed environment. We are really impressed with how they have settled this year and we can see how well the parents and adults in the setting are working in partnership.

Thank you to all of the parents who attended the Church Service today. The children really enjoyed the service and a big well done to them for learning the songs. Well done also to Orchestra for their performance of Rudolph the red nosed reindeer - absolutely brilliant!

We need to say farewell and good luck to a member of our support staff. Miss Garrard is leaving us after the holidays. She will be sadly missed by the children she has supported throughout the years and also by staff members.

We also wish good luck to Mrs McKay who will be going on maternity leave after the holidays. We look forward to meeting the new member of her family when they arrive!

Have a lovely holiday and we look forward to seeing you back to school on Friday 5th January.

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.

21.12.17 Last day of term
Half term 22.12.17 to 04.01.18

04.01.18 Inset Day

05.01.2018 School Starts

23.01.2018 Parents Evening
24.01.2018 Parents Evening

Half Term 12th February - 16th February 2018

29.03.18 Inset day

Half Term 2nd April - 13th April 2018

Half Term 28th May - 1st June 2018
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.



Bike Shed

Please can all



scooters and bikes be taken

home at the end of term as we cannot be held responsible for them out of school hours.

For safety bikes and scooters should be walked in and out of the school grounds and a helmet worn when riding for safety.

Thank you

Dinner Money



Can all outstanding dinner money please be paid online ready for the new term.

Many Thanks



School Council Hot Chocolate and Mince Pies Sale Raising Money for Basingstoke Homeless Project



The School Council decided to sell warm mince pies and hot chocolate on the playground after school on Tuesday 19th December to raise money for Basingstoke and Deane's current homeless project in the town centre, 'Real Change, Not Loose Change'.
The children raised an amazing £125.70. Well done School Council!

Keep an eye out in the Gazette over Christmas for an article on the event.



Careless and inconsiderate parking



We have had several residents complain about their drives being blocked on Jubilee Road on several occasions. They have taken photographs of the car number plates and emailed them to us, in particular a blue Ford Zetec Reg.No. R059, who is constantly blocking a residents drive. Please consider our residents that live nearby and the safety of our residents and children when trying to cross roads that are blocked by cars or on the pavements!
There is no excuse, we have free parking at Castons Yard as explained below.

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

Please park considerately next term