

# Fairfields' News



## **Summer Issue 68**



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The last week of term has arrived and it really has flown by!

This week, Year 2 went on a visit to Ufton Court to complete Forest Schools activities and explore the woodlands as part of their learning about survival. Year 6 continue to work hard and are preparing for their SATs party on Friday.

The Results from the most recent Parent Questionnaire have been reviewed and improvements can be seen in how we manage and deal with inappropriate behaviour and as a result pupils feel safe at the school. This is brilliant as it is fundamental to learning. Governors have worked to increase understanding of their role within the school through communication via the newsletter and also arranging a session where School Council presented their ideas.

We are always seeking to improve the school and so the areas we will focus on now are:

Communication- it is clear that we have many ways to communicate with you. We will be creating a new website from September and this will include a more streamlined approach to communication. Our aim will be that the website will be the sole source of communication for you. This will include regular updates on year group pages.

Homework and support - we have already reviewed the homework following our Parent Forum last term. From September we will introduce further guidance using the website and parent workshops. We will also be introducing a mathematics book for all children to complete.

Sharing your child's progress- we have already started work on this by holding structured conversations with identified pupils. Parents receive a report from the school either via parents evening of through the annual report about their child's progress. We will be holding a Parents Forum next term to explore other successful approaches which could be used to share how well your child is learning.

Overall parents are happy with the school which is great news! Thank you to the parents who completed the survey at the parents evening in February. We always take on board feedback we are given and strive to make the school the best it can be for the community.

Mrs Bogalski and Mrs Maycock will be shortly going on maternity leave and we wish them all the best.

I hope you have a lovely half term and we look forward to seeing you on the 4th June.

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 Half Term 28th May - 1st June 2018

07.06.18 Year 1 Theatre workshop

08.06.18 Year 2 Parent SATS Session 3:30–4pm

11.06.18 Yr 6 Winchester Junior Graduation

12.06.18 Yr 6 Think safe

14.06.18 F.S to Finkley Down Farm Park

15.06.18 Class Group photographs

15.06.18 1C Presentation Assembly

25.06.18 Year 5 trip to the Tower of London

28.06.18 Sports Day 29.06.18 Sports Day

29.06.18 4R Presentation assembly

30.06.18 P.T.A Summer Fair

11.07.18 Year 3 trip Living Rainforest

16.07.18 School Transition week

18.07.18 Open evening 3:30 - 6pm

11/12.07.18 Year 6 production at Costello School

23.07.18 Inset Day 03.09.18 Inset Day

29.10.18 Inset Day

19.11.18 to 23.11.18 Year 6 to Hindleap Warren, East Sussex

07.01.19 Inset Day 23.04.19 Inset Day

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 Tuesday 05.06.18 from 9:30–11pm.

Mrs Hopkins- Thursday 07.06.18 from 1:15pm - 3.00pm.

Please see the office to make any appointments.

## **Dinner money**



Please could parents check their SCOPAY dinner money balances.

We will continue to phone parents who have overdue accounts.

Don't forget you can also pay for trips online too.

Thank you

## How to help keep your children safe from Ticks



- Enjoy being outdoors now we have good weather but ticks can be around and one has been found recently on a child. They are often harmless and can also be brought into the home on pets. Certain ticks can pass on diseases to humans or pets.
  - Ticks can't fly or jump but can be found in long grass or leaves.
  - Ticks like to go to warm, hidden areas such as scalps, ears, armpits and belly buttons so please check your children ,especially if they have an itch or rash.
    - If a tick is found, it must be immediately removed in one piece if possible.
      - If worried please consult your doctor.

## Hot weather



Now the weather is hot please make sure your child has a labelled water bottle in class so that they are hydrated and also time is being wasted coming to the office for a cup. Children can bring in a hat to wear and please put on sun cream on in the morning to protect them from the sun or children ,if able ,can apply their own if they bring in labelled sun cream.

We cannot apply sunscreen in school.

Thank you

#### **Bike Shed**



Please can all scooters and bikes be taken home at the end of the day 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

### **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.



Lunch boxes need to be named so that the lunch staff can tell if a pupil has eaten their lunch or

Please could you remind pupils to take their lunch boxes home with them from the class lunch crates at the end of day.

Please note that we are a nut free school.

Thank you

#### Spare underwear and socks





When the children have 'accidents' in Foundation Stage they are sent home with clean underwear which is often not replaced so if you have any spare clean underwear or socks then please drop them off to the office.

**Many Thanks** 

## Message from Mrs Terri Hope Home School Link Worker



I am now in school every morning and can be found under the Canopy whilst the children are coming into school. I am always happy to meet with you. Sometimes just talking about something to another person can be really helpful.

The School office will be happy to take a message