



Fairfields' News



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Dear Parents,

Welcome back to school!

I hope that you had a wonderful summer and that you have had a calm week back in the school routine. A big welcome to our new families who have joined the school this year. The children in Foundation Stage seem to have settled really well!

We have been busy working on a number of areas of improvement. The school has had parts of its carpet replaced and we have installed a new smart screen in the ICT suite. Foundation Stage has been revitalised with new furniture and equipment. Thank you to all of the Staff who have worked tirelessly over the summer holidays to help to get the school ready for the new term.

We have also had some time to finalise our key priorities for improvement this year. These are:

1. To improve writing in the school so that our children are above national averages by the time they are assessed at the end of Year 6.
2. To improve our children's reasoning skills in mathematics so that our results are above national averages at the end of year 6.
3. To ensure that our assessment of pupils is accurate and robust. We will be introducing different types of assessment through the year and we will keep you informed.
4. To ensure that there is consistently strong teaching throughout the school.

On Monday we had a full day of Abacus training and we are really excited that soon we will be using the software to send home homework games for your children to complete.

We have also reviewed our marking policy and this will be shared with you at parents evening so that you understand it.

In other news, we have new adults in the school:

Mrs Maycock is the teacher for 1NT.

Miss Pereria is the teacher for 4P

Mr Tomes is the teacher for 6T

We have also appointed Mr Squires as our new Caretaker. He will be working with us part time until the end of December. We are reviewing the role of the Caretaker and will advertise this post ready for January.

We also wish to congratulate both Miss Harper, who will be going on maternity leave at the end of next week, and also Mrs McKay, who has announced that she is expecting a baby in January. We will be recruiting for this post in October.

Year 6 teachers will be holding an Osmington Bay information session next week on Thursday evening.

There will also be our PTA's annual general meeting on Thursday evening next week. Please could you ensure that you have those dates in your diary if they are relevant to you or your child. The Parent Teacher Association is the main way for us to raise funds in the school to pay for items which our budget can no longer stretch to. Please see the attached poster as they are planning to hold some exciting events this year, including a Mad Hatter's Tea Party later this month.

It is great to see all of the children in good spirits and I hope to see you either in the playground or during the drop in sessions. Please note the new times for these on this newsletter.

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.

- 14.09.17 PTA AGM Meeting 5.30pm to 6pm
- 19.09.17 Clubs begin this week
- 29.09.17 Presentation assembly Class 5W
- 30.09.17 PTA Mad Hatters Tea Party 1-4pm
- 09.10.17 Year 6 to Osmington Bay.Return 13.10.17
- 17.10.17 Parents Evening
- 18.10.17 Parents Evening
- 20.10.17 Presentation assembly Year 6 Osmington Bay
- 20.10.17 Last day of Term
- Half term 23rd October to 27th October
- 30.10.17 First day of term
- 31.10.17 Last week of clubs
- 31.10.17 PTA Halloween Disco
- 10.11.17 Presentation assembly Class 2FM
- 01.12.17 Presentation Assembly Class 3D
- 13.12.17 Christmas School Lunch
- 21.12.17 Last day of term
- 04.01.18 Inset Day
- Half term 22.12.17 to 05.01.18
- 29.03.18 Inset day
- 23.07.18 Inset Day

Headteachers 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
14th September from 9 –11pm.

Mrs Hopkins- Thursday 14th September from 1.15-3pm.

Please see the office to make any appointments.

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.

Please do not leave bikes or scooters in the bike shed over night as we cannot be responsible for their safety.

Thank you



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.

Please make sure suitable footwear is worn, no trainers please.
Thank you



Watches and Mobile Phones



Please note that watches with cameras that can take pictures or record video, or the ability to take or send messages are not allowed in school. If it is strictly necessary for your child to have a mobile phone then they must be left at the office and collected at the end of day.

Thank you

School Lunches

In KS1(FS1/FS2,Year 1 and Year 2) lunches are free of charge.

In KS2 (Years 3/4/5/6) school lunches must be paid either in advance or on the morning that the lunch is required. If your child is to have a school lunch please make sure you have arranged for payment to be made in one of the following ways before lunchtime on the day.

- The kitchen staff are available in the hall on a Monday morning to take payment either in cash or by cheque.
- You can drop payment in to the office and we will make sure it is passed to the kitchen. This must be in a named envelope please.
- Your child can take their money in on the day and place it in the dinner money tub in their classroom in a sealed, named envelope or purse.

Next week is Week 2 of the school Hot Lunch menu .

The cost of a meal is £2

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.

Lost Property

Please make sure you label all property in school so that it can be returned.

Colin Zablocki in 6C has lost a named fleece.
Please check your child has not picked it up.

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