



## Fairview Community Primary School

Website: <https://www.fairviewprimary.co.uk/>

### Weekly Newsletter – Friday 13<sup>th</sup> September 2024

**We are a nut free school - Please do not send your child into school with anything that contains nuts**

#### Head teacher's Message

Dear Parents and Carers,

A very warm welcome back to Fairview after the summer break! We are especially delighted to welcome our new children and their families joining us in Nursery and Reception. We hope you all enjoyed a lovely summer and are pleased to see the return of school!

I am delighted to report that the children have settled beautifully into their new classes, demonstrating really positive attitudes towards their learning. This is a fantastic start to the new academic year.

During our staff INSET days, we had the pleasure of hearing from our English Lead, Miss Powell, and our Curriculum Lead, Mr Rickersey. They shared insightful information about the drive and focus on vocabulary across the school this year, emphasising its significant impact on children's learning outcomes and their ability to access the full curriculum. You may have noticed that topic vocabulary word lists (for Year 1-6) were sent home via ParentMail. These lists will be helpful for you as you support your child in learning new and unfamiliar subject-specific language. Furthermore, Mr Harris, our Assessment Lead, will be training teachers to assess children who are working at a greater depth standard (GDS) through their use of high-level and subject-specific vocabulary.

Additionally, we completed our annual safeguarding training. Should

you ever have any concerns regarding a child, please find information on our website [here](#).

Finally, to wrap up our training day, we also participated in Dog Mentoring training for teachers and teaching assistants. This will ensure that when Lenny, our school dog, visits classrooms, he will enhance the learning environment for the children and not distract them!

Thank you to the parents and carers who could attend the 'meet and greet' sessions with your child's new class teacher. It was lovely to see so many of you, and I hope you now feel more familiar with the faces behind the names as well as what to expect this year for your child.

Wishing you a wonderful weekend.

Mrs Karin Tillett  
Headteacher

#### Key dates and times for events

Attached to this week's newsletter is a list of upcoming events throughout the year. We try and give you as much notice as possible so please look through these regularly, and on occasion we may need to make changes to these dates. We don't always send a separate reminder so these dates are important.

#### Whole School Attendance and punctuality

**The whole school attendance target is 96% set by the Department for Education. Our attendance for the year, so far, is 96.2%.**

**Please report all absences via Parentmail.** If we do not receive a reason for absence, we will call you to find out why your child is not in school, following this up with a Parentmail.

#### School uniform donation

We are always very grateful for your kind donations of school uniform, however, where you have been so amazing, we now have lots of uniform. Temporarily, we will be unable to take anymore donations but we know Street Angels are always very happy to take donations. Alternatively, Brompton Academy are collecting uniform to send to children in Gambia.

#### Parent and Carer workshops

The Medway Child Health Team have developed a series of workshops for parents and carers in Medway. The informal sessions will be delivered by friendly Child Health Team members and will aim to educate and support parents and carers on a number of important topics. Please see the attached leaflet.

#### Car Park

Just a friendly reminder that the car park is for **staff only**.

### **Arriving at school**

We have noticed that some children arrive to school very early, and usually on their own. Please can you ensure that your children arrive at school as close to school start time as possible.

### **After School Clubs**

If your child is attending an after school club, it is imperative that you collect your child promptly, at 4.30pm.

### **Y3-6 Swimming Payments**

All swimming payments for every class in year 3 to 6 are now on Parentmail. We hope this will give our parents a bit more time to manage payments.

### **Design a Mural Competition**

We are running an exciting design a mural competition for our wonderful library. Please see attached information regarding this. The deadline is 27<sup>th</sup> September.

### **Stars of the Week**

**Each week, on Friday, we hold a celebration assembly. During the assembly we celebrate 1 child from each class who has achieved something incredible.**

**We like parents to celebrate their child's achievement with us too, so each week we invite the parents of these children to join us at this assembly.**

**If your child is the weeks 'Star' we will send you an invitation via parentmail the Friday before the assembly. The assembly is at 9am, and will last no longer than 30 minutes.**

**We do not tell the children they are being celebrated until the assembly.**

**When arriving for the assembly please can we ask parents of children in years R, 1 & 2 to come to the school reception and children in years 3-6 enter school via the 'disco door' at the top the vehicle driveway.**

### **Water Bottles**

Please send your child into school with a named water bottle every day. You can buy water bottles at the school office.

Large Bottle - £2.50; (cash only)

Small Bottle - £2 (cash only)

## Term Dates for September 2024 – July 2025

<b>Term 1</b>	<b>Staff development day</b>	Monday 2nd September
	<b>Staff development day</b>	Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> September
	Term begins for children	<b>Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> September</b>
	Term ends for children	Friday 18th October
<b>Autumn Break</b>		<b>Monday 21<sup>st</sup> October to Friday 25<sup>th</sup> October</b>
<b>Term 2</b>	Term begins for children	<b>Monday 28<sup>th</sup> October</b>
	Term ends for children	Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> December
<b>Christmas Break</b>		<b>Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> December to Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> January</b>
<b>Term 3</b>	<b>Staff development day</b>	Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> January
	Term begins for children	<b>Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> January</b>
	Term ends for children	Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> February
<b>February Break</b>		<b>Monday 17<sup>th</sup> February to Friday 21<sup>st</sup> February</b>
<b>Term 4</b>	Term begins for children	<b>Monday 24<sup>th</sup> February</b>
	Term ends for children	Friday 4 <sup>th</sup> April
	Good Friday	Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> April
	Easter Monday	Monday 21 <sup>st</sup> April
<b>Easter Break</b>		<b>Monday 7<sup>th</sup> April to Friday 18<sup>th</sup> April</b>
<b>Term 5</b>	<b>Staff development day</b>	Tuesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> April
	Term begins for children	<b>Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> April</b>
	Term ends for children	Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup> May
	Early May bank holiday	Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> May
	Spring bank holiday	Monday 26 <sup>th</sup> May
<b>Late Spring Break</b>		<b>Monday 26<sup>th</sup> May to Friday 30<sup>th</sup> May</b>
<b>Term 6</b>	<b>Staff development day</b>	Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> June
	Term begins for children	<b>Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> June</b>
	Term ends for children	Tuesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> July