



## Important Dates

**Monday 20<sup>th</sup> February 2017**

Start of Term 4

**Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> March**

School photographs

**Monday 20<sup>th</sup> March**

Open Day

**Friday 24<sup>th</sup> March**

Red Nose Day

**Friday 31<sup>st</sup> March**

Last day of term 4  
Easter Assemblies

**Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> April**

Training Day

**Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> April**

Start of Term 5

**Monday 1<sup>st</sup> May**

Bank Holiday

**Friday 26<sup>th</sup> May**

Last Day of Term 5

**Monday 5<sup>th</sup> June**

Start of Term 6

**Friday 21<sup>st</sup> July**

Last day of Term 6



## We need your help

For those of you that transport your child to school you will be well aware of the challenges we face in our car park. Whilst we are happy to now have a car park, having not had one for many years, it doesn't seem big enough! This is because there are many more taxi's transporting children to and from school as well as an increase in parents / carers transporting their own child.

We have received feedback from parents asking us to consider improving how the car park works during the start and end of the school day. Kevin Woodall-Brooks, parent Governor, made a suggestion which we have taken on board and have been trailing since Monday 20<sup>th</sup> February. NCC transport inspectors have been helping us communicate our plan with the many drivers and escorts that transport our pupils to school. So far this seems to be working well; we will of course continue to monitor the situation and tweak as necessary.

We have attached a plan of our car park at the back of our newsletter to help explain how we would like the traffic to flow during these peak times. We hope:

- by controlling the flow of traffic
- restricting staff and visitor car parking during peak times in our transport area
- your support and patience

will see an improvement in the management and most importantly safety within the car park at the most busy times of the school day.



## Feedback from our most recent parent / carer questionnaire

As you may know we sent out a questionnaire to parents about the way we report pupil progress. Thank you to those of you who responded, we had 32 questionnaires returned. The information provided has been very useful in refining our practice within school.

It was pleasing to see that 91% of the responses were happy with the information that we currently provide.

One of the main suggestions was to have termly updates of pupil progress. We are currently trialling a format with two classes and we will then provide an individual pupil progress report to all families after the Easter holidays. 91% of responses would like an electronic profile of pupils' progress using software on an iPad. We are currently looking into different packages available and will hopefully trial one during the Summer term with a selection of classes. We value the partnership we have with parents and your feedback is always appreciated.

Many thanks

Lesley Elder

Deputy Headteacher



## School

## photographs

This year will take place on  
**Tuesday 14th March.**

Keep an eye open for a letter with further  
details.



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## Open Day

We hope you will be able to join us on

**Monday 20<sup>th</sup> March**

As usual you will have an opportunity to spend time in your child's class in the morning, stop for lunch and network with other parents, and attend one of our afternoon workshops. We are hoping to run the following workshops: PECS, Physical development and sensory regulation.

Please remember we are a nut free school





# Attendance Matters

**Current attendance is 91.4%**

Regular attendance really does matter so please try to send your child into school every day; unless of course they are feeling too poorly. If you have difficulties with your child's attendance please contact Janice Crane, our Assistant Family Support Worker who will be happy to try to help.

Please note, due to government regulations, **the headteacher is unable to authorise holidays in term time** except in very exceptional circumstances.

Easter activities you might like to try at home.

- Use some plain paper or card to cut out some egg shapes.
- Dip your fingertips into paint to decorate your eggs.



**Chocolate Nests:**

You will need some cooking chocolate, cereal of your choice, cake cases and mini eggs.



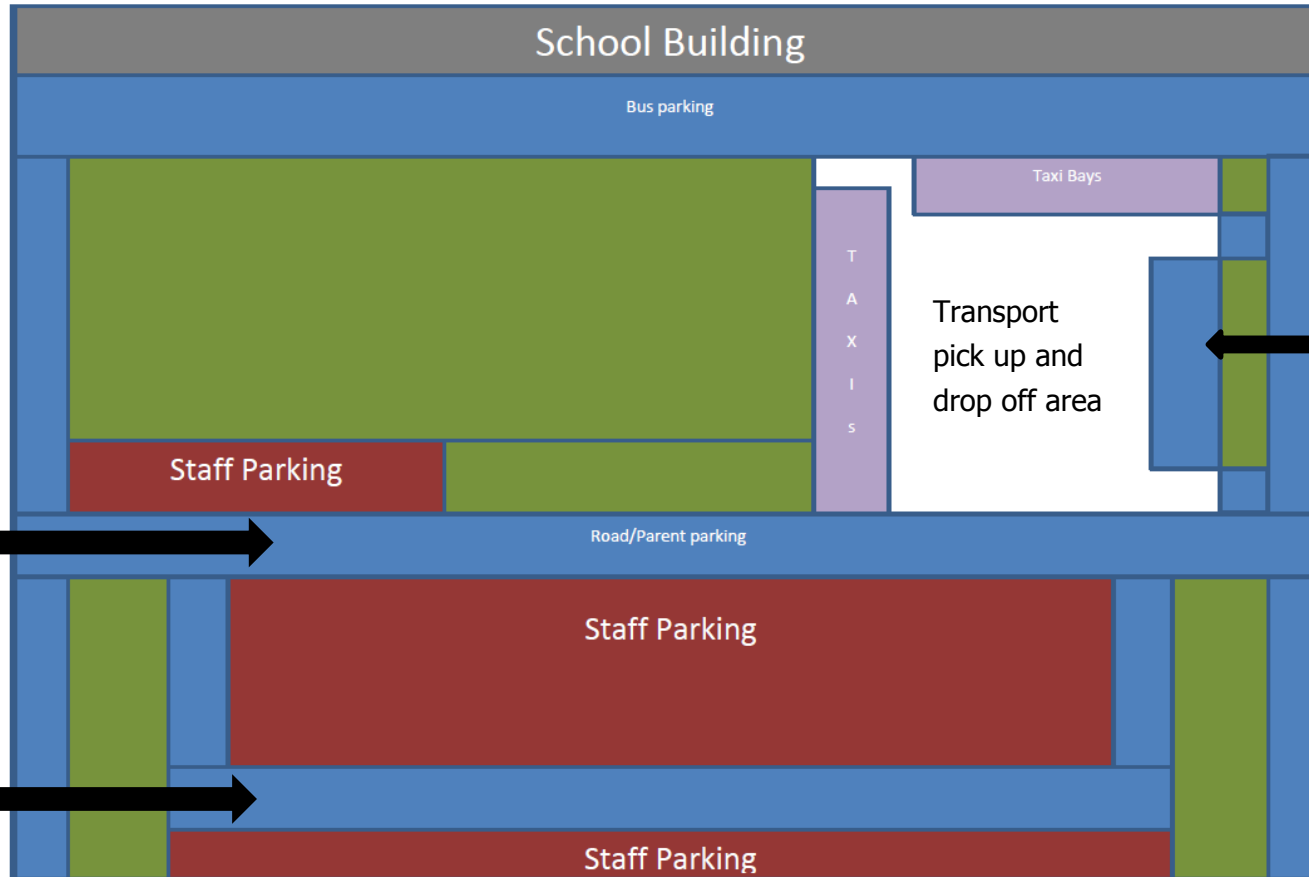
Method:

- Melt the chocolate in a small bowl placed over a pan of barely simmering water.
- Pour the chocolate over the cereal and stir well to combine.
- Spoon the chocolate mixture into cake cases and press the back of a teaspoon in the center to create a nest shape.
- Add some mini eggs.
- Enjoy!



# Fairfields School

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Parents / carers to use this road through the car park to either find a space in parent / carer drop off / pick up area or to park if space on road. Please leave enough space for cars to pass.

School transport will use this road to wait for taxi pick drop off / pick up space.

Parent / carer drop off and pick up parking spaces.  
*Please note there might not be a space straight away as we have a lot of parents / carers transporting their child.*