



# Fairfields School

Helping children to help themselves

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No.6 Term 6 2017

## Important Dates

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

Start of Term 6

### Friday 7<sup>th</sup> July

Annual School Report sent home

### Friday 14<sup>th</sup> July

Sports Day

9.30am Early Years

10.45am KS1

1.30pm KS2

### Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> July

Family Fun Day

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

Leavers Assembly

Last day of Term 6

### Friday 1<sup>st</sup> September & Monday 4<sup>th</sup> September

Training Days

### Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> September

Pupils return to school: Term 1  
2017



## School News

This year we have 20 Year 6 children moving to secondary school; we are still receiving requests for places in September but hope to finalise classes for September by the end of June. Once we have confirmed staffing arrangements we will of course inform you. At the moment it is looking likely that we will have 2 classes in Early Years, 4 classes in KS1, 4 in lower KS2 and 4 in UKS2. We are aiming to keep class sizes 9 or below to ensure that all of our pupils continue to receive high quality support.

Parents / carers of Year 6 pupils should have received transfer dates from their child's secondary school. We will endeavor to provide support to make visits to their new school a successful experience.

Teachers are currently working hard to write your child's Annual School report; we aim for these to be sent home on Friday 7<sup>th</sup> July.

We are hoping to be able to show off our new Early Years Playground by Friday 16<sup>th</sup> June. The play area is currently being redesigned and so far looks promising to be an exciting place to learn and play. Nicola Wood, Early Years Phase leader, has worked hard to ensure this play area is tailored to the needs of our youngest children who access both an indoor and outdoor curriculum. We think the older children will love it too!

We are hoping to have more upgrades carried out in school over the summer holidays. Fingers crossed the remaining pupil toilets will be upgraded to include hygiene rooms with an overhead hoist system.

We have been very fortunate to receive the generosity of Travis Perkins who will re-decorate our dining hall over the summer break.

# Five to Thrive



At Fairfield's we use the building blocks of Five to Thrive to support children; this supports their emotional development as well as their behaviour. Five to Thrive is an approach created by Kate Cairns Associates and is a natural sequence of activities which help us connect with the children, building strong relationships, ensuring that every day we are creating many opportunities to emotionally nurture them.

There are five blocks to the sequence: **RESPOND** ● **ENGAGE** ● **RELAX** ● **PLAY** ● **TALK** and below is a snap shot of each block.



Creating a narrative

**Child:** "I love the sound of your voice. I love it when you take notice of what I am communicating to you"

**Parent:** How do I talk to you? How does it sound? How does it feel?



Being playful

**Child:** "You can make life interesting for me. Toys are great but the best toy in the world for me is you"

**Parent:** What fun can we have together?



Self-regulating stress

**Child:** "When I am stressed I need you to help me calm down. My body works in tune with yours"

**Parent:** How can we both relax?



Connecting and engaging

**Child:** "When I am close to you my body begins to work in tune with yours. Sometimes I need time to notice what is happening and respond to it"

**Parent:** What can I do to make you feel safe?



Responding and assessing needs

**Child:** "Everything I do, the sounds and the movements I make, are telling you that I need you"

**Parent:** What do you need?

By following the principles of Five to Thrive we are engaging with our pupils, supporting them in self-regulation, building resilience and helping them feel safe.

If you would like to find out more about Five to Thrive please contact Lesley Elder.

# School Uniform



Please note that there will be a slight increase in the price of school uniform (approx. 20p per item). Katie has compared the cost of our uniform and is confident that it is still best value.

We really appreciate your support regarding school uniform. The children have a strong sense of identity and belonging to our school.



## Parent / Carer survey

We would like to know what you like about school, what you think would help school become even better. Your views are really important in helping us develop our school.

Please complete the attached survey and return to school by 30<sup>th</sup> June.

Thank you

## Attendance Matters

### Current attendance is low at 92%

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.



## Fun activities to do at home

### Angel Delight Lollies

- Your favourite packet of Angel Delight
- Follow the instructions on the pack
- Pour in to lolly moulds
- Freeze
- Enjoy!
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### Bubble Blow Painting

Bubble mixture / Food colouring / Bubble wands

Cups and/or trays to dip your wands into

Large sheets of painting paper

#### To make:

- Simply tip a little bubble mixture into each tray or cup – one for each colour
- Add a little food colouring to each tray and stir gently
- Then it's time to blow bubbles all over your paper

*Dr Williams is excited to announce that the Boudicca Trailer is now on YouTube.*

<https://m.youtube.com/watch?v=tTV-g0jQ-yo>

*This fully professionally made short film is comprised of 4 monologues of Northants mothers who have children with special needs. It will be used to teach compassion to student and trainee health care professionals.*

Please remember  
we are a nut free school

**NOTICE**

NO FOOD WITH PEANUTS OR  
TRACES OF NUTS TO BE  
CONSUMED ON THESE PREMISES  
**NUT FREE ZONE**



Dear Parents/Carer,

### Fairfields School Annual Parent/Carer Survey June 2017

It is very important to the school that we work closely with you so that we can provide the best possible provision for your child. This annual survey is designed to gather your views which we will then use to inform our School Development Plan. Your views will be collated but individuals will **not** be identified.

		Strongly Agree	Agree	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Don't know
1	The school welcomes parents and visitors					
2	My child enjoys school					
3	My child is well looked after at this school					
4	The school informs me about my child's progress					
5	The school informs me about what my child is learning					
6	Class-home communication is good					
7	I am happy with the progress my child is making					
8	The teaching is good at the school					
9	The school helps me to support my child's learning and development					
10	The school supports the development of the range of my child's needs					
11	The school deals effectively with unacceptable behaviour					
12	The school is led and managed effectively					
13	I find the school website informative and easy to use					
14	The range of parent/carers workshops provided by the school is good					
15	I am aware of the role of the Governing Body and feel able to approach them					
16	Overall, I am happy with my child's experience at school					
17	The new arrangements for the school car park have improved					
18	Is there anything you especially like about Fairfields School?					
19	What suggestions do you have that would help us improve Fairfields further?					

Thank you very much for taking the time to complete and return this form.