



We hope you all had a lovely Easter holiday. Now the weather is hopefully getting better, we're looking forward to going out and about a bit more before the end of the year.

Thank you for all the lovely comments and support you shared during our recent Ofsted inspection. We are still waiting for the final report, but once it's here we will be sharing this with you all.



Year 5 Coffee Morning

If your child is in Year 5, please come and join us on Thursday 16th May 2024 at 10am. This is a chance for you to find out a bit more about the process for applying for Secondary School. There will be representatives from the Local Authority and we're hoping some staff from the different secondary schools will be attending too.

Reading

We are continuing with the lending library books and in addition to this there will be reading books coming home. Your child will have a reading diary where you can communicate with your child's class teacher about the sharing of the story or the progress that they are making at home.

The children are also joining in with group or guided reading sessions in class, where they are focusing on reading skills, and story time sessions where they are all enjoying a story together.



Monster Phonics is becoming more embedded in school and the children are really enjoying the characters and their phonics sessions. We are in the process of sorting the log in for the e-books and are in the planning stages for the next workshops. More information will be shared about this soon.



Attendance

Over the next term we will be updating our school attendance policy. This is in line with the new Government Guidance and the School Attendance Support Service at West Northamptonshire Council.

It is extremely important that your child attends school regularly and as a school we continually monitor the children's attendance. The update of the policy will include what happens when a child has an unauthorised absence and how this will be monitored, including when staff will carry out home visits, and the procedure for referring to the Local Authority when a child has a significant amount of time absence from school e.g. for an unauthorised holiday. Once completed, this will be sent out so you are aware of the changes ready for September. If you have any questions regarding this please get in touch.

Swimming

It has been a turbulent time with our swimming pool over the past few years. I'm pleased to say that we are now in a position to start swimming again, reopening gradually. This is so we can look at how swimming is organised so the sessions are regular and successful for the pupils who need to access the warm water due to their physical difficulties. We will also be looking at what our wider swimming offer will look like ready to hopefully start in the Autumn Term. We ask that you are patient with us while we finalise these arrangements.



Parent Governor Vacancy

Pritesh Shah has recently stepped down as a member of the Governing Body. We would like to thank him for his time and commitment to this role. This does mean we now have a Parent Governor Vacancy. A letter with more information about the role and how to apply has been sent out on the parent app. It's a great way to be involved with the work of the school. Any questions about this please ask myself or Katie Usher, our Chair of Governors.

Sports Week

Our PE team are currently busy organising Sports Week for all the children. A letter will be going out with a few more details soon. Here are the dates and times for each class.



	Wednesday 22nd May	Thursday 23rd May
10.30-11.30am	Treetops (Owl, Robin, Dove, Kestrel)	Woodland (Deer, Badger, Fox, Squirrel)
1.15-2.15pm	Meadow (Hedgehog, Mole, Rabbit, Dormouse)	Riverbank (Otter, Duckling)

Free School Meals

The Government have recently updated their guidance for schools about free school meals. 'Schools are now required to make reasonable adjustments for disabled pupils on roll at a school to ensure they are not put at a substantial disadvantage in relation to accessing meals where appropriate. This includes disabled pupils who are eligible for free school meals. Schools are required to make such adjustments as are reasonable to enable such pupils to access their free school meal entitlement'. We are currently exploring what the reasonable adjustments may look like for us as a school. We will be reviewing the children who receive free school meals and whether they require reasonable adjustments. If this is the case, we will get in touch and discuss this with you. Once arrangements are put in place, this will be reviewed at the child's annual review.



The school the child is attending will automatically get a **pupil premium** amount if the child is eligible for free school meals. You can apply below for **free school meals** if you are in receipt of certain benefits and they attend a school in West Northamptonshire. The qualifying Benefits are:

- Universal Credit (annual net income of no more than £7,400, as assessed by earnings from up to three of your most recent assessment periods)
- Income Support, income-based Jobseeker's Allowance or income-based Employment and Support Allowance
- Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- The guarantee element of Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit (provided you're not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual gross income of no more than £16,190)
- Working Tax Credit run-on (paid for four weeks after you stop qualifying)

<https://www.westnorthants.gov.uk/schools-and-support/free-school-meals-and-pupil-premium>

Parallel Windsor - Sunday 7th July 2024

Parallel Windsor is a Festival of Inclusivity with Challenge Events for all ages, health conditions & abilities. Held in the grounds of the majestic Windsor Great Park & staged on the iconic Long Walk.



Fairfields are entering a team — would you like to join us and help raise some money for school?

Walk, push or run - there are no cut off times. **'Start Together, Finish Whenever'**.

Everybody who starts gets a medal, t-shirt & goody bag. Choose from: 100m, 1K, 5K, 10K or our very own SuperSensory 1K. Parallel's innovative SuperSensory 1K supports neurodiversity & participants with profound & multiple learning disabilities to exercise their senses over a series of challenges such as engaging with sound, taste, touch, & smell. There is also the option to purchase a Virtual Entry ticket. All Virtual entries receive a medal & t-shirt.

If you would like to join our team please get in touch with Lesley or click on the link

<https://www.racespace.com/gb/parallel-lifestyle/parallel-windsor-2024>

Dates for the Year.

We have been asked to share dates with you all with as much notice as possible. Below are the scheduled dates for the year. They are all to be confirmed nearer the time. Please keep an eye on the Parent App for updates

Coffee Mornings

Thursday 9th May — 9.30am

Thursday 16th May - 10am **Year 5 Secondary School**

Thursday 27th June — 9.30am

Assemblies

End of Year Celebration Assemblies — Monday 22nd July & Tuesday 23rd July

Parents Evenings

Tea with the Teachers—Wednesday 10th July

Stay and Play -

Friday 10th May—1.30pm—2.30pm

Friday 28th June—1.30pm—2.30pm

School Events

- Outside Learning Day—Friday 10th May
- Sports Week—20th—24th May
- Olympic Challenge Week - 1st-5th July (please note change of date)
- Cooking Day—Friday 28th June
- Internal Transition Days—Monday 15th & Tuesday 16th July

Fairfields PTA

Thank you to everyone you who joined us for our school disco. We had 31 families which is brilliant for our first one. It was great to see everyone enjoying themselves and the highlight of the night was everyone, parents, children and staff, all joining in with the Hokey Cokey! This was a really successful event and one which we will defiantly be repeating in the future. Our Easter activities helped raise approximately £400 which is fantastic! Thank you so much for your ongoing support - watch this space for more events coming up in the future, especially our Olympic Challenge Week next term.



Getting in touch

If you do have any questions or concerns, staff in school are always happy to talk with you. If you would like to get in touch you can do this through contacting the school office either on the phone or via email and a member of the leadership team would be happy to discuss this with you.

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