



I hope you all had a lovely Christmas and New Year. Thank you to those of you who were able to join us for our Christmas productions. It was wonderful to have so many of you in school sharing the experience with your child. Thank you those of you who purchased a decoration at the end from our pupil council. We raised **£57.25** for our school fund, which is wonderful and will enable us to continue to provide experiences like this in the future.



Illness

As you maybe aware there are still a lot of illnesses going around at the moment. We are still being asked to monitor any cases of COVID and Scarlet Fever. In addition to this, we are still seeing cases of coughs, colds and sickness bugs.

As a school we need to reduce the spread of illness as much as possible. We are still ensuring hands are washed regularly, surfaces which are touched frequently are cleaned and that we are following the catch it, bin it, kill it rules for respiratory hygiene. We are continuing to be extra vigilant when children are poorly in school. If you child becomes poorly we will call you and ask you to come and collect them from school. There were a number of occasions last term where pupils were poorly at school and were sent home. They then returned to school the next day and we had to send them home again. If your child is sent home because they are poorly, please keep them at home for at least 24 hours before the return to school. If they are sent home due to sickness or diarrhoea, they need to stay at home for 48 hours.



Car Park

Our car park continues to be extremely busy at the start and end of the day. We have created a plan to hopefully make things easier with the increasing number of cars, taxis and buses we have dropping off and collecting the children. We will be sharing this plan with you soon. Once we have some drier weather we will also be repainting the markings in the car park. In the meantime, please continue to drive slowly and treat everyone on school premises with tolerance and respect.


We are aware that the traffic on Trinity Avenue is also a continual problem. Last week we met with representatives from the Local Authority, Malcolm Arnold Prep and Malcolm Arnold Academy. We are currently in discussions about how we can all work together to see if we can improve the situation. we have spoken to transport and they have given us advice on how to raise the safety within the car park - e.g reversing into your space where appropriate and vehicles that need to load from the back not to unload onto the busy areas. So you maybe directed as to where you park and consideration has been given to your child and how they access coming in and out of school.

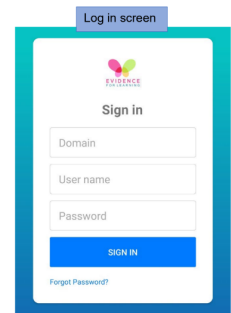


Evidence for Learning's Family App

This term we will be launching the Evidence for Learning Family App. This is different to the Parent App you currently have. The parent app is the software we use to share key information with you on a regular basis. The Evidence for Learning family app enables you to see what your child has been learning at school and lets you share what you have been up to at home.

We are currently in the process of setting up the app and adding evidence for you to look at. To get started please follow the steps below:

- Please download the Evidence for Learning - Family app from your app store. It's free and  Evidence for Learning - Family app from theTeacherCloud Ltd for Learning Family App in looks like this
- You will receive two emails from Evidence for Learning, one with your log in details and one with your password.
- To log onto the app you will need to enter these on the log in screen



We will send out more information about the app over the next

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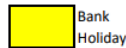


Fairfields School will be closed on Monday 8th May. This is due to the Government proclaiming an additional Bank Holiday for the coronation of King Charles III on Saturday 6th May 2023. We will be having a school event to celebrate this, more details to follow.

We have confirmed the term dates for the academic year 23/24



Academic Calendar 2023-24



September 2023							October 2023							November 2023							December 2023						
Mon			4	11	18	25	Mon		2	9	16	23	30	Mon			6	13	20	27	Mon			4	11	18	25
Tues			5	12	19	26	Tues		3	10	17	24	31	Tues			7	14	21	28	Tues			5	12	19	26
Wed			6	13	20	27	Wed		4	11	18	25	Wed		1	8	15	22	29	Wed			6	13	20	27	
Thu			7	14	21	28	Thu		5	12	19	26	Thu		2	9	16	23	30	Thu			7	14	21	28	
Fri		1	8	15	22	29	Fri		6	13	20	27	Fri		3	10	17	24	Fri	1	8	15	22	29			
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Sun		3	10	17	24		Sun	1	8	15	22	29	Sun		5	12	19	26	Sun	3	10	17	24	31			

January 2024							February 2024							March 2024							April 2024						
Mon		1	8	15	22	29	Mon		5	12	19	26	Mon		4	11	18	25	Mon	1	8	15	22	29			
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May 2024							June 2024							July 2024							August 2024						
Mon			6	13	20	27	Mon		3	10	17	24	Mon	1	8	15	22	29	Mon			5	12	19	26		
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Our next coffee morning will be on Thursday 2nd February 2023, 9.30—11.30am

This year, World Book Day is on Thursday 2nd March. The pupils will have the opportunity to dress up (theme TBC) and participate in lots of fun activities in class throughout the day, all based around building a love for reading. This year, there will also be opportunities for families to get involved in school. Watch this space for more information!



Dates this term:

- Friday 20th January 2023 - Chinese New Year Day
- Thursday 2nd February - Coffee Morning
- Friday 24th February - Mid Point Assessment reports sent home
- Thursday 2nd March - World Book Day
- Thursday 30th March - Easter Assemblies (timings TBC)

Parent Code of Conduct

At Fairfields School, we are extremely fortunate to have a supportive and friendly parent body. Working in partnership is extremely important to ensure we are all doing the very best for the children. We want you all, as parents, to feel fully involved in school life. We have created a Parent Code of Conduct as a reminder to all parents and carers of the expected conduct when on school premises. This is so we can continue to flourish together as members of our school community. A copy of the document is on the next page.

Key Stage leaders will be sharing what the children will be learning this term in their key stage newsletter. It will also have ideas of things you can do at home to support their learning. Please get in touch if there is anything else we can help with.

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Fairfields Parent Code of Conduct

Purpose and scope

At Fairfields we believe it's important to:

- Work in partnership with parents to support their child's learning
- Create a safe, respectful and inclusive environment for pupils, staff and parents
- Model appropriate behaviour for our pupils at all times

To help us do this, we set clear expectations and guidelines on behaviour for all members of our community. This includes staff (through the staff code of conduct) and pupils (through our behaviour policy). This parent code of conduct aims to help the school work together with parents by setting expectations on appropriate conduct.

We use the term 'parents' to refer to:

- Anyone with parental responsibility for a pupil
- Anyone caring for a child (such as grandparents or child-minders)

Our expectations of parents and carers

We expect parents and carers to:

- Respect the ethos, vision and values of our school; this includes being mindful of the different needs of the school community
- Work together with staff in the best interests of our pupils
- Treat all members of the school community with respect – setting a good example with language and conduct
- Seek a peaceful solution to all issues
- Ensure their child is safe at all times while on school premises
- Approach the appropriate member of school staff to help resolve any issues of concern, sharing these in a courteous manner
- Value everyone equally regardless of race, disability, gender, sexuality or social class; we are an inclusive community.

Conduct that will not be tolerated

- Disrupting, or threatening to disrupt, school operations
- Swearing, or using offensive language
- Displaying a temper, or shouting at members of staff, pupils or other parents
- Threatening or intimidating another member of the school community
- Sending abusive messages to another member of the school community, including via text, email or social media
- Posting defamatory, offensive or derogatory comments about the school, its staff or any member of its community, on social media platforms
- Any aggressive behaviour (including verbally or in writing) towards another child or adult
- Disciplining another person's child – please bring any behaviour incidents to a member of staff's attention
- Smoking or drinking alcohol on the school premises (unless alcohol has been allowed at a specific event)
- Possessing or taking drugs (including legal highs)
- Bringing dogs onto the school premises (other than guide dogs)
- Posting photos of pupils, other than parents' own child, on social media

Breaching the code of conduct

If the school suspects, or becomes aware, that a parent has breached the code of conduct, the school will gather information from those involved and speak to the parent about the incident. This will either be face to face or on the phone.

Depending on the nature of the incident, the school may then:

- Send a warning letter to the parent
- Invite the parent in to school to meet with a senior member of staff or the headteacher
- Contact the appropriate authorities (in cases of criminal behaviour)
- Seek advice from the local authority's legal team (Pathfinder Legal Services) regarding further action (in cases of conduct that may be libellous or slanderous)
- Ban the parent from the school site

The school will always respond to an incident in a proportional way. The final decision for how to respond to breaches of the code of conduct rests with the headteacher.