



Fairfields School

Helping children to help themselves

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No.6 Term 6 2018

Important Dates

Monday 4th June

Start of Term 6

Friday 29th June

80th Birthday Ball

Wednesday 4th July *NEW DATE*

Sports day

Friday 20th July

Last day of school year

**Tuesday 4th & Wednesday 5th
September**

Training Days

Thursday 6th September 2018

Pupils return to school - Start of
2018-2019

Friday 19th October

End of Term 1

Monday 29th October

Training Day

Tuesday 30th October

Start of Term 2

Wednesday 19th December

End of Term 2

Thursday 3rd January 2019

Training Day

Friday 4th January

Start of Term 3

School news

This year we have 16 Year 6 leavers and as usual more requests for a place than we have available. Year 6 parents / carers should have received information about their child's transition arrangements. If you haven't please contact Sam Grisewood (through the school office 01604 714777) who will be happy to provide you with this information.

We have started to look at class groups for September and will of course inform you once this has been finalised.

Teachers are currently working hard to write your child's **Annual Report to Parents**; we are aiming for these to be sent home on **Friday 6th July**.

Please note we have a new date for our **Sports Day**. Many of you informed us about a concert (Little Mix) being held in Northampton on 12th July expressing concern about the volume of traffic and potential parking difficulties. We listened and as a result have changed the date to **WEDNESDAY 4th JULY**. Early Years (Otter and Duckling) will be at 9.30am. KS1 (Hedgehog, Mole, Rabbit & Dormouse) at 10.30am. KS2 (Squirrel, Deer, Badger, Fox, Pigeon, Kestrel, Owl & Robin) at 1.30pm.

We are having substantial work carried out during the summer holidays (and Autumn term) a separate letter will be sent informing you about the work and measures put in place to ensure the smooth running of the school.

During this term we will be celebrating our 80th Birthday with the children (letter to follow). You will also be informed by your child's Key Stage leader about a play and stay session where you can catch up your child's class team before the end of the school year.



Fairfields School is STILL looking for new parent governors...

What is a school governor?

School governors are volunteers who work together with the Head teacher to make strategic decisions that impact on the educational outcomes and life chances of our children.

What experience and skills do I need?

You don't need special skills to be a governor but you'll need to be able to work well in a team, as you'll be making **joint decisions** on policy. The most important qualities for being a governor are **enthusiasm, commitment** and an **interest in education** and be able to bring a **parental perspective** to the strategic management of Fairfields School. This involves:

- setting and monitoring the school's aims and policies
 - supporting the headteacher, but also asking questions and making sure the headteacher is taking the school in the right direction
 - overseeing the financial performance of the organisation and making sure its money is well spent
 - monitoring educational performance of the organisation and its pupils
- It does not require you to get involved in the day to day management of the school. That is the role of the Head teacher.

What is the commitment?

Governors need to have an in-depth knowledge of how the school works to enable them to make decisions that ultimately affect the lives and education of the children in their care. Governors are therefore assigned to Learning teams and meet once a year with the team to monitor curriculum developments and pupil progress data.

We expect our governors to undertake any training that will enable them to carry out their role more effectively.

You need to be available to attend:

- The full governing body meetings 3 / 4 times a year
 - one of two subcommittee meetings three times a year. Depending on your interests and experience this could be either 'Supporting School Structures' (finance and Personnel, Premises and Health and Safety) or 'Excellence and Enjoyment' (curriculum)
- NB Travel and child care costs can be reimbursed.

Interested but want to no more before you commit yourself for election?

Please e mail the Chair of Governors:

Mary.doveston@northampton.ac.uk



**SPORTS DAY
WEDNESDAY 4TH JULY**

9.30 am Otter & Duckling
10.30 am Mole, Hedgehog, Rabbit & Dormouse
1.30 pm Squirrel, Deer, Badger, Fox, Pigeon, Kestrel, Robin & Owl



Janice has organised another art and craft coffee morning (no painting this time) on Tuesday 12th June from 9.30am

Please come and join in.



Attendance Matters



Last year our attendance target was 94%, we actually achieved 92.35%
Our current attendance is 92.52%

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.

Term 1	Term 2	Term 3	Term 4	Term 5
94.12	92.44	91.26	91.52	92.39



Parent View
Your Child's School

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