



# Newsletter

February 2017

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you and the children have a good week next week and the sun shines! Thank you for your support this half term.

There is much to celebrate at Fairfield and Colneis. We are so proud of our two great schools and all that the children and staff achieve. It is always a pleasure to share some of these successes and the wonderful learning activities that take place at Fairfield and Colneis in the newsletter. However, there is an issue that's causing us more and more concern and I hope you can help us with this. It's internet safety; there is a rise in numbers of children using social media and an increasing number of children playing age inappropriate games and using internet enabled devices without supervision. Last week a considerable amount of time was spent by Mr Rimmer dealing with an Instagram conversation that had caused hurt and upset. Primary age pupils are too young to fully comprehend quite how vulnerable they are when online and understand the implications of what they write. Children begin to take sides in conversations and it is easy to end up with one or a few being at best marginalised and at worst bullied. Inevitably the consequences of these activities at home spill into school.

When playing online games, children may be playing with anyone not just their friends. This has happened to children in our community. I'm sure you are aware of the possible consequences. Apart from this, when playing PEGI rated 15 and 18 games children are accessing games that feature horrific images and content totally unsuitable for their age; extreme violence, multiple, motiveless killing, violence towards defenceless people and strong language. In a recent meta-analysis of 98 studies, involving 36,965 participants examining the relationship between exposure to violent video games and aggression in children, violent video games were convincingly shown to influence social behaviour and impact on the emotional wellbeing of the young participants. (Centre for educational neuroscience UCL).

I appreciate that internet safety can seem like a minefield for parents and many find it a real challenge to not only educate their children in doing the right thing but also to monitor and control their child's online behaviour. To assist you with this, there are now a number of really useful guides for parents available through our school website - <http://www.colneisjunior.co.uk>. Go to Parents - E-Safety Parent Info and you will find several links to useful articles, along with a link to <http://www.internetmatters.org> which is a free online resource that brings all the information that parents need to keep their children safe on the internet into one, easy-to-use portal. I hope you find this information useful. In addition to this Mr Rimmer is delivering online safety sessions for parents at Colneis (just an hour) on Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> March at 2pm and 5pm. He will also be glad to answer your questions.

In addition, may I respectfully remind you that if you have any comments to make about any members of the school community, be it praise or a concern please ring, email or come and see us! We would love to hear your praise and we also want to know about your concerns so that we can put things right. Only this week I have spoken to a parent who was sure her privacy settings were secure and was astonished that we had seen the hurtful and distressing comments (albeit unintentional) that she and a group of friends had made on Facebook.

Very best wishes for a great week next week.

Kindest regards

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**Pupil Premium  
Awards 2016  
Local Winner**

Primary schools with  
published KS2 results

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**Dates:**

w/c Monday 6 February Year 6 WW2 week  
Wednesday 8 February Parent Consultations  
Thursday 9 February Year 6 to Duxford  
Monday 13-Friday 17 February Half term  
Wednesday 22 February, 1.30-3pm Year 4 Parents' Open Afternoon  
Thursday 2 March World Book Day—the children will be designing their own bunting to celebrate  
Friday 10 March, 6.30-8pm Friends of Colneis Disco  
Wednesday 15 March, 2pm & 5pm Online Safety for Parents—find out more about keeping your child safe online (being held in ICT Suite at Colneis)  
Monday 20 March, 9.30-11.30am Year 3 Parents' Open Morning  
Tuesday 21 March, am Year 5 visit to Methodist Church  
Tuesday 21 March, 1.30-3pm Year 5 Parents' Open Afternoon  
Friday 24 March Year 2 to Colneis to watch dress rehearsal of Jungle Book  
Monday 27 March, Tuesday 28 March & Wednesday 29 March School production of Jungle Book  
Friday 31 March Last day of spring term  
Wednesday 19 April Return to school for summer term  
Friday 21 April Year 6 WW2 exhibition in hall. Parents invited into school 2-3.30pm (projects to be taken home)  
Tuesday 2 May Year 4 food to fork trip (class 4T—9.30-11.30am, class 4M—1-3pm)  
Monday 8-Thursday 11 May 2017 Y6 SATS  
Tuesday 9 May Year 4 food to fork trip (class 4C—9.30-11.30am)  
w/c Monday 5 June Y6 Residential/Activity Week  
Monday 12 June The Jungle Book visiting theatrical production (for pupils only) (no Year 6 swimming)  
Thursday 22 June, 5-7pm Friends of Colneis Summer Fair  
Tuesday 27 June Colneis Sports Day  
Friday 7 July, 6.30-8pm Friends of Colneis summer disco  
Wednesday 19 July Year 6 leavers assembly  
Thursday 20 July Year 6 trip to beach & leisure centre

\* The Parents' Open Morning/Afternoon: Parents are invited into school to work alongside their child in the classroom in a practical curriculum based activity which supports learning. This will be followed by tea in the hall and the chance to talk to members of the Senior Management Team and a School Governor.

**Colneis Assemblies**

The following classes will be leading our assembly at 10.20am:

Wednesday 22 February	Class 3L
Wednesday 1 March	Class 4M
Wednesday 15 March	Class 4T

## Discovering Ancient Egypt

As part of their history topic, our Year 5s enjoyed a visit to the Ipswich Museum at the end of last term. The children had a great day handling Egyptian artefacts and discovering new facts about the Ancient Egyptians.



At the end of their Ancient Egyptian topic parents were invited in to our Year Five Museum. The children displayed their Ancient Egyptian projects. All the projects were impressive and demonstrated a lot of time, care and knowledge. Thank you to all the parents that supported this event.



## Colneis Winners

Congratulations to our Colneis winners who were presented with their awards in the celebration assembly at the end of last term. As you can see from the photographs, Miss Mills was nominated for every award!

The Colneis presentations were for:

- Midday supervisor award
- The Work Cup—winners Edison
- The Behaviour Cup—winners Shaftesbury
- Drama King Award, presented to Owen by Mrs Livingstone
- The Progress Plateau—winner Lara-May
- The Maths Investigator Award—winner Lois
- The Courtesy Cup—winner Aiden
- Moment to Shine Cup—winner Alexia
- Star Writer Award—winner Harriet



## Everlasting Light

We were delighted to hear from Mr Payne, who some of you may remember was a Colneis teacher for many years, that the official amount raised by Everlasting Light was an amazing £25,000.

Mr Payne was so pleased that our pupils were part of the experience, and wished to thank all who participated, including the staff and parents who supported the venture. He said 'Without them we would not be looking at such a tremendous result.'



## Pupils' Success

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for data protection purposes

### In at the deep end!

Our Year 6 children take part in two swimming galas; one at school in the Colneis pool where they compete in their houses. Congratulations to Edison who were the winners. The other gala is at Felixstowe leisure centre against all the primary schools in Felixstowe and we are pleased to announce that Colneis came second. Well done to all involved.





**Dates:**

**Thursday 9 February** Parent Consultations

**Monday 13 - Friday 17 February** Half term

**Thursday 23 February, 1.30pm** Reception Open Afternoon\*

**Monday 27 February, am** Year 1 local walk

**Thursday 2 March** World Book Day –the children will be designing their own bunting to celebrate

**Tuesday 7 March** School Photographs (individual/sibling photos)

**Thursday 9 March** Year 1 Open Afternoon\*

**Tuesday 14 March** School Photographs (class photos)

**Tuesday 14/Wednesday 15/Thursday 16 March** Fairfield Book Fair

**Wednesday 15 March** Nursery Parent Consultations

**Wednesday 15 March, 2pm & 5pm** Online Safety for Parents—find out more about keeping your child safe online (being held in ICT Suite at Colneis)

**Thursday 16 March** Nursery Parent Consultations

**Friday 24 March** Year 2 to Colneis to watch Dress rehearsal of Jungle Book

**Wednesday 29 March, 8.50am** Reception Stay and Play

**Friday 31 March** Last day of spring term

**Wednesday 19 April** Return to school for summer term

**Monday 12 June, pm** The Jungle Book visiting theatrical production (for pupils only)

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**Fairfield Assemblies**

The following classes will be leading our assembly at 10.25am:

Thursday 9 February	Class 2H	Wednesday 15 March	Class RC
Thursday 2 March	Class 2D	Thursday 23 March	Class RB
Thursday 9 March	Class 2A	Thursday 30 March	Class 1R

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## Friends of Fairfield

Friends of Fairfield are off to a flying start with our fundraising. This year we are raising funds to regenerate the pond and garden area. Our recent Christmas Fair has seen us raising £2250 compared with £1975 last year and our thanks go to all those parents, carers, teachers, friends, volunteers and donators who helped to make the event possible and a success.

We are currently working with the teachers of Fairfield to come up with a design and plan for how they would like the garden to look and Suffolk Wildlife have completed a survey for us. If we have any gardeners amongst our parents and carers that would like to help us with the regeneration then we would welcome your expertise, please let the school office know if you can help.

### **Cake Bake:**

Thank you to the parents and carers of Classes 2A, RB and 1M for the lovely cakes donated so far for the monthly cake bakes. These are proving very popular raising around £100 during each sale. Class 1M are currently in the lead raising £130 for the January sale!

A slight change to our calendar for March and April, 1R had the 10<sup>th</sup> March and 1A had the 28<sup>th</sup> April for their sales, we would like to change their sale dates to the 22<sup>nd</sup> April (cakes to be provided on the 21<sup>st</sup> April) and the cakes from both these classes will be sold at the Easter event on Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> April.

### **Easter Trail & Crafting:**

We are in the process of finalising the activities for our new Easter event which will be held on Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> April between 10.00 - 12.00 but you can expect an Easter Trail with prizes for completion and 2/3 crafting activities for children to get involved in. Classes 1A & 1R will be providing the cakes and refreshments will be available. An activity we would really like all the children to get involved in is making an Easter Hat. Prizes will be given to each child wearing their hat on the day and there will be further prizes for the most original and creative hats! We look forward to seeing lots of you at this new event.

A reminder of the remaining Friends activities for your diaries:

### **Friends of Fairfield Events Calendar:**

Friday 24 February	2D Class Cake Bake
Thursday 2 March	World Book Day - Book Sale
Friday 31 March	RC Class Cake Bake
Friday 21 April*	1A & 1R Class Cake Bake <i>*please note date change, these cakes will be sold at the Easter Trail &amp; Crafting event on the 22<sup>nd</sup> April</i>
Saturday 22 April	NEW—Easter Trail & Crafting, 10am-12pm
Saturday 20 May	Fairfield Summer Fair
Friday 30 June	2H Class Cake Bake
Friday 14 July	RA Class Cake Bake

We hope that many parents and carers will show their support for the school and we would warmly welcome any volunteers to help. Without you none of these events will be possible. Please contact [wmassingham@btinternet.com](mailto:wmassingham@btinternet.com) or the school office if you are able to help.

## Fairfield Winners

Congratulations to our Fairfield winners who were presented with their awards in the celebration assembly at the end of last term.

The Fairfield presentations were for:

- **Kindness Cup - Winner Finlay Liffen**

Shereen, Amelia, Milena, Julian, Jamie, Mathilda, Tristan, Sarah, Orlina, Harley

- **Doing Your Best - Winner Brandon Day**

Archie, Yannick, Edward, Evie, Freddie, Connor, Bethany, Thomas, Kira, Lola

- **Courtesy Cup - Winner Nadia Pettit**

Noah, Rafe, Charlotte, Noah, Stacey, Thomas, Alice, Niamh, Charlie, Ollie

- **Most Improved Handwriting**

Mason, Jazlyn, Sienna, Phoebe, Esme, Thomas, Darcey, David, Ariella



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## Choir Christmas Visits

The school choir were very busy over the festive period, singing at elderly peoples homes and clubs including Friends Together at the Salvation Army, Westcliff Nursing Home, Elderly and Partially Sighted Club at Walton Labour Club and St John's Court. At each venue they performed beautifully and I received many compliments about both their singing and their behaviour. Well done to all choir members—they did us proud!

*Mrs Kingham*



## What a Hoot!

Year 2 recently enjoyed a visit from Steve of Lavenham Falconry. He gave a great talk about lots of different owls, their food and habitats. The children were able to investigate owl pellets to see if they could discover what the owls had eaten!



## JOINT SCHOOL INFORMATION

### The Federation of Fairfield and Colneis—Governor News

It has been a cold start to the term, but let's hope that we'll soon be seeing signs of spring. It won't be long until half term and then we will be half way through the school year!

There haven't been any changes to membership of the governing body. Nine governors recently attended an 'Introduction to Safeguarding' course. Governors, like all staff, have to keep their safeguarding training up to date.

Science is one of the focus areas in the schools' Raising Attainment Plan. At the first governing body meeting this term, Governors will be hearing about how science is being taught. Later, as part of governor monitoring, we will be taking part in Learning Walks to see for ourselves what is happening in school.

As usual, we look forward to meeting you and hearing your views about school at the year group open morning/afternoons.

It will be a busy term and one of the highlights will be the school production towards the end of term. Rehearsals have already started and our best wishes go to all involved in the production.

**Celia Davies**

*Chair of Governors*

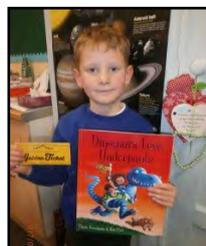
### Golden Ticket Winners!

For reading 4 times (or more) a week—our Golden Ticket Winners are:

Caitlin —class 2D, Isabella - class 2H, Leo —class 1R, Roger —class 1M, Max —class 2H, Tyson —class RC, Class 1M.

From Colneis:

George —class 4T, Dylan —class 4C, Jayden —class 3A, Sophia —class 5S





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**Book now for the February half term holiday Crash Courses!**  
**Monday 13<sup>th</sup> - Friday 17<sup>th</sup> February 2017**

Suitable for children of 3 years +  
5 day courses - lessons last for 30 minutes each day  
Lessons take place at 8.30am, 9am and 9.30am  
Lesson time allocated will be confirmed on booking  
Cost £40.00 per child.  
Limited availability - Pre-booking essential!

**Term-time lessons**

Some places still available for the Spring term  
Lessons available for children of all ages and abilities every day after school  
And Saturday mornings.  
Pre-school classes held on Mondays - early afternoon & Thursday mornings  
Small groups - maximum 4 children per class  
Adult and Child classes held on Thursdays for children aged 4 months- 3 years.

Parents may watch the lessons from the poolside spectator area  
All lessons follow the ASA Learn to Swim Pathway  
End of term reports plus any awards achieved are provided at no extra cost  
Our fully qualified teachers are DBS Checked

To book, or for more details, email [swimsure@btinternet.com](mailto:swimsure@btinternet.com) or call us: 01473 613269  
[www.swimsureswimschool.co.uk](http://www.swimsureswimschool.co.uk)

**The Incredible Years Webster Stratton School Aged Course**  
is for mums, dads and/or carers of children aged 6-12 years.

This is a step by step course, running for 2 hours per week over 12 weeks,  
Starting Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> January (late starters to the course are welcome)

***It covers topics such as:***

*\* Child directed play \* Encouraging positive behaviours \* Praise \* Rewards and much more...*

Venue: Langer Primary Academy, Langer Road, Felixstowe, Suffolk IP11 2HL  
01394 283065

Starts Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> January - Ends Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> May (No session during half term)  
9.30am-11.30am

Contact Sarah Gorski (Family Liaison) on 01394 283065  
[sgorski@langerprimaryacademy.org](mailto:sgorski@langerprimaryacademy.org) or Yvette Hart (Parenting Facilitator) on 07808735771  
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# What's for Lunch?



Pick one item from each of the groups below to build the perfect healthy school packed lunch.

## Fruit & Veg

- 7 cherry tomatoes
- 2 satsumas
- 1 medium pear
- A small pot of berries
- 1 banana
- Carrot sticks
- 1 apple
- Pot of mixed salad
- 1 kiwi

## Main Dish

- Bacon and vegetable pasta salad
- Wholemeal pitta and hummus dip
- Egg mayo and salad roll
- Ham & salad wrap
- Spicy chicken & salad bagel
- Tuna mayo & sweetcorn sandwich

## Something extra

- Small box of raisins
- Pot of sugar free jelly
- A slice of malt loaf
- Handful of plain popcorn
- 1 large rice cake
- Mixed berries and low fat yoghurt

## Drinks

- 200ml water
- 200ml semi-skimmed milk
- 200ml no added sugar fruit drink



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## MDSA Vacancies at Fairfield and Colneis

We are currently looking for additional midday supervisors to join the Fairfield team and the Colneis team. Pay £7 per hour. If you are interested in finding out more, please contact the School Office for details. Interviews will take place to select the successful candidates.

## Term dates for 2016-2017

### Spring Term 2017:

Start of Spring term:	Thursday 5th January
Half term:	Monday 13th February-Friday 17th February
End of Spring term:	Friday 31st March
PD day:	Wednesday 4th January

### Summer Term 2017:

Start of Summer term:	Wednesday 19th April
Bank Holiday:	Monday 1st May
Half term:	Monday 29th May-Friday 2nd June
End of Summer term:	Friday 21st July
PD days:	Tuesday 18th April Monday 5th June

## Term dates for 2017-2018

### Autumn Term 2017:

Start of Autumn term:	Wednesday 6th September
Half Term:	Monday 23rd October-Friday 27th October
End of Autumn term:	Tuesday 19th December
PD day:	Monday 4th September Tuesday 5th September Friday 24th November

### Spring Term 2018:

Start of Spring term:	Thursday 4th January
Half term:	Monday 12th February-Friday 16th February
End of Spring term:	Thursday 29th March
PD day:	Wednesday 3rd January

### Summer Term 2018:

Start of Summer term:	Monday 16th April
Bank Holiday:	Monday 7th May
Half term:	Monday 28th May-Friday 1st June
End of Summer term:	Tuesday 24th July
PD days:	Monday 4th June

## Information on the school website

[www.fairfieldinfant.co.uk](http://www.fairfieldinfant.co.uk) [www.colneisjunior.co.uk](http://www.colneisjunior.co.uk)

We would encourage you to log on to the school website to keep up-to-date with the school calendar. In the year group pages, curriculum letters are posted for the Spring Term along with updated web links to help you assist your child.