

Newsletter

October 2017

Dear Parents and Carers,

It is my pleasure to welcome you all to our new school year. As is always the case with the start of the new school year, it barely seems possible that we have been back for only five weeks as lots of exciting activities, trips and events have already taken place and many more are planned for the rest of the term.

The children have settled well into their new classes and we are particularly pleased to welcome our new Nursery and Reception children at Fairfield, as well as our new joiners in other year groups.

We also have a number of new staff including teachers, teaching assistants, midday supervisors, breakfast club assistants and cleaners and we welcome them to the Fairfield and Colneis family. I am sure you will make them feel welcome and we are grateful for the work they do to support our schools.

The Ofsted Reports from last year were really positive and reflected the great practice and provision in both schools. We have reflected on the development points and are already implementing a number of changes and improvements. As such we are confident that this will be another successful year but with the reality of budget pressures on schools impacting on the range of provision possible, more than ever it is clear that we cannot do this on our own!

We need you to support us by ensuring your child:

1. Attends school daily and arrives on time, ready for the day's learning experiences
2. Completes all homework
3. Reads at least four times a week to develop a love for reading and to improve literacy skills
4. Shares school experiences with you so that you are aware of his/her school life
5. Knows that you expect him/her to always do their best in school

Parents' Evenings take place at both schools next week when you will have the opportunity to discuss how your child has settled into their new class and the progress they are making. Following these there will be many more opportunities this term to come into school for open afternoons, class assemblies and, dare I say it in October, Christmas performances!

Kind regards

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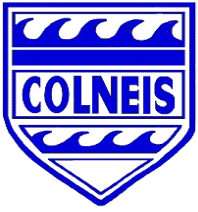
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School closure information

For further information on school closures due to severe weather or any other unforeseen difficulty please tune into the local radio stations or log on to the following websites –

Heart FM on 97.1 or 96.4 FM, Town FM on 102 FM, Radio Suffolk 95.5, 95.9, 103.9 or 104.6 FM, www.bbc.co.uk/suffolk, www.heart.co.uk, <http://schoolclosures.suffolk.gov.uk/>



Dates:

Monday 16 October Parents Evening
Monday 16 to Wednesday 18 October, 3.30pm-4.10pm Book Fair
Wednesday 18 October Parents Evening
Monday 23-Friday 27 October Half Term
Tuesday 31 October, am Colneis school photos
Wednesday 1 November, 1.30-3pm Year 4 Parents' Open afternoon
Thursday 2 November, 1.30-3pm Year 6 Parents' Open afternoon
Monday 6 November Y5 Mummification Day
Monday 6 November, pm Tag Rugby Tournament @ TSM KS2
Friday 10 November Friends of Colneis disco
w/c Monday 13 November Y4 Greek week
Monday 13 November Y3 trip to Colchester Castle
Thursday 16 November $\frac{1}{2}$ Y5 to Ipswich Museum
Friday 17 November Y4 to British Museum
Friday 17 November $\frac{1}{2}$ Y5 to Ipswich Museum
Friday 17 November Children in Need Day
Friday 17 November FoC Quiz Night
Monday 20 November Year 3 to Colchester Castle
Tuesday 21 November Y6 coastline trip
Tuesday 21 November, 1.30-3pm Year 5 Parents' Open afternoon
Friday 24 November PD Day (school closed)
Thursday 28 November Flu Vaccination Y3 & 4
Thursday 30 November FoC Christmas Fair (tbc)
Friday 1 December Y5 Ancient Egyptian Exhibition
Tuesday 5 December, 10-11am and 2-3pm Y3 and Y5 Christmas Concert
Wednesday 6 December, 10-11am Y3 and Y5 Christmas Concert
Thursday 7 December, 10-11am and 2-3pm Y4 and Y6 Christmas Concert
Friday 8 December, 10-11am Y4 and Y6 Christmas Concert
Wednesday 13 December, pm Y4 Christmas party
Friday 15 December, pm Y5 Christmas party
Monday 18 December, pm Y3 Christmas party
Tuesday 19 December, pm Y6 Christmas party
Thursday 4 January 2018 Return to school

** 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:

Thursday 2 November	Y5 Robin Hood assembly (10.15 start)
Wednesday 8 November	Class 6L
Wednesday 15 November	Class 6S
Wednesday 22 November	Class 4C
Wednesday 18 October	Class 4A
Wednesday 29 November	Class 6Y

Pupils' Success

This information has been removed
for data protection purposes

Friends of Colneis

Firstly, thank you to the parents who have contacted the school volunteering their assistance to Friends of Colneis. We will be in touch in due course.

This school year we are aiming to raise enough funds to replace the smart boards in each classroom. The existing boards have served well but now they need to be updated. Replacing them will greatly assist the teaching staff to continue giving our children the best education. At over £1000 per board we have some serious fundraising to do!

'Quiz Night'

To kick-start our fundraising, we are holding a Friends of Colneis Quiz Night on Friday 17th November.

The tickets are £10 each and include a fish and chip supper.

We would love to see as many of you as possible, parents and friends alike. It's sure to be a fun night and all for a great cause. Please look out for the form in your child's bag.

We would encourage you to buy a ticket, bring your beer and come back to school.... you might learn something!

- Other dates for your brimming diaries.
- School Disco Friday 10th November
- Christmas Fair Thursday 30th November

Helpers are required for all events - please leave your name at the school office if you are able to volunteer your time.



Dates:

Tuesday 17–Thursday 19 October Visiting book fair available for parents/pupils after school
Tuesday 17 October, 3.30–6pm Parents Evening (excluding Class 2F)
Thursday 19 October, 3.30–6pm Parents Evening
Monday 23–Friday 27 October Half Term
Monday 30 October, am Y1 Grove Walk
Tuesday 31 October, 3.30–6pm Class 2F Parents Evening
Thursday 2 November, 9am–11.30am Working Together course for parents/carers
Tuesday 7 November, 1.30–3pm Year 2 Parents' Open afternoon
Thursday 9 November Flu immunisations for Reception, Y1 & Y2 (more info to follow)
Wednesday 15 November, 1.30–3pm Year 1 Parents' Open afternoon
Friday 17 November Children in Need Day
Friday 24 November PD Day (school closed)
Tuesday 28 November, 10.30–11.30am (AM nursery) and 2.30–3.30pm (PM nursery) Nursery Christmas Concert
Friday 1 December, 10–11am and 2–3pm Reception Christmas Concert
Wednesday 6 December Y2 Choir to Blind Association
Thursday 7 December, 1.30–3pm Reception Parents' Open afternoon
Friday 8 December, 3.30–6pm FoF Christmas Fair
Wednesday 13 December, 10–11am and 2–3pm Y1 & Y2 Christmas Concert (tickets required - more info to follow)
Thursday 14 December, 10–11am Y1 & Y2 Christmas Concert (tickets required - more info to follow)
Friday 15 December Fairfield Christmas parties
Tuesday 19 December Last day of term
Thursday 4 January 2018 Return to school

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Fairfield Assemblies

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

Thursday 19 October	Class RB
Wednesday 1 November	Class 2F
Thursday 9 November	Class RC
Thursday 16 November	Class RA
Wednesday 22 November	Class 1B

Friends of Fairfield

Many thanks to those who supported the Class 1A cake sale. A total of £134 was collected and will be put towards purchasing equipment/events for the school.

In response to feedback we have revised our event calendar to ensure each class, including Nursery, have their own cake sale day. Please review the calendar below and make a note of your date!

Many thanks for your continued support.

Friends of Fairfield

EVENTS CALENDAR:

October:

15th - Team Fairfield run the Whole Hog

20th - 2H Class Cake Bake

November:

9th - Lifestyle & Pamper Evening, 7.00pm Orwell Hotel £5

23rd - RC Class Cake Bake

December:

8th December Christmas Fair. All classes to provide cakes

January 2018:

26th - RB Class Cake Bake

February:

9th - 2M Class Cake Bake (Valentines theme !)

23rd - 1C Class Cake Bake

24th - Quiz/Race Night

March:

23rd - Nursery Cake Bake. Sales held at the end of morning and afternoon sessions

24th March Easter Event. All classes to provide cakes

April:

27th - RA Class Cake Bake

May:

19th May Summer Fair. All classes to provide cakes

June:

29th - 2F Class Cake Bake & Ice Pop Sale

July:

20th - 1B Class Cake Bake & Ice Pop Sale

Felixstowe Conservative Club Ltd

- Private car park/no public right of way

We have been contacted by the Felixstowe Conservative Club and asked to remind parents that the car park is private and is only for the use of members of the club. As private land, the car park is also not a public right of way. In the coming weeks they will be monitoring the car park for unauthorised use.

Please be advised that the use of their car park when dropping-off and collecting is unauthorised unless you are a member.

If you wish to become a member, thereby offering you the opportunity to use the car parking facilities, the fee for a single membership at the club is £26 per annum which equates to 50p per week to use the car park and facilities of the club. To join now and for the rest of this year the pro rata rate is £11.00.

An application form is available from the school office if you would like to take up membership.

Pupils' Success

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School Day

Could we kindly remind parents/carers that the morning bell rings promptly at 8.50am. By this time your child should be lined up and ready to enter school. The end of the school day is 3.15pm. We would expect that you would leave the school premises once your child has been collected.

Please note that the use of the school grounds/school equipment is not permitted.

JOINT SCHOOL INFORMATION

The Federation of Fairfield and Colneis—Governor News

It doesn't seem possible that we are already well into October and have already celebrated Harvest! Where did the summer go? The autumn term has started well and we are delighted to welcome the children, parents and staff who are new to our schools.

The Ofsted report on Fairfield has been published this term. Colneis and Fairfield have now both been judged as 'good schools' this year. Governors are very proud to be associated with the schools. We recognise that we have very committed and talented staff who 'go the extra mile' to provide a really good education for every child. A very big 'thank you' to every member of staff for their hard work.

It is very busy before and after school on the nearby roads. We would ask parents to be mindful of the residents living near to both schools and not to park in front of people's driveways! It must be very annoying if you can't get your car out of your drive!

There are lots of events listed on the school calendar this term and I'm sure that we will all enjoy the activities that have been planned. Governors will be coming to many of the open afternoons, assemblies and concerts and look forward to seeing you there.

Best wishes

Celia Davies

Chair of Governors

Golden Ticket Winners!

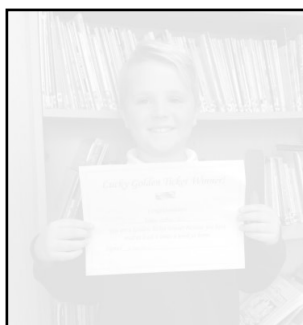
For reading 4 times (or more) a week:

Fairfield Golden Ticket Winners are:

Fraser, Lucas, Evie, Noelia

Colneis Golden Ticket Winners are:

Molly, Keaton, Sophia, Mia



Parent Mail

Could we please remind you to update your Parentmail account and also inform the school if you have any changes to your contact details. If you are still unregistered with Parentmail, please contact the school office who will be happy to help.

We have the facility to text parents if there are any last minute urgent messages, so your co-operation would be appreciated.

Notification of Minor Head Bumps

Our school policy is to notify parents should their child experience a head bump during the course of the school day. If, having assessed the injury, we feel your child is able to remain in school, we will send a text message via Parent Mail to notify you of the injury and complete an accident slip for your child to bring home.

If we feel the injury requires your assessment, we will make a phone call home so that you can decide whether your child should remain in school.

If there was a more serious injury, we would call you and an ambulance or call you and ask you to meet us at hospital if we felt it was necessary to transport your child to hospital.

Drink Bottles in School

Can we please remind you that your child is encouraged to bring a named drinks bottle to school to allow them to have a drink throughout the day. However, can we also advise that juice is not permitted, the bottles should only contain water.

Information on the school website

www.fairfieldinfant.co.uk www.colneisjunior.co.uk

We would encourage you to log on to the school website to find helpful ways to assist your child and to keep up-to-date with the school calendar.

No Dogs

Please be advised that with the exception of guide dogs, no dogs are permitted on school premises. If you bring your dog with you to school please ensure that you safely tether it outside of the school grounds, avoiding areas where there is high congestion/traffic. Thank you.



School Tours for Prospective Parents

We are holding school tours for prospective parents who are considering applying for a school place for their child for September 2018.

The tour dates are:

- ◇ Monday 16 October, 11am
- ◇ Wednesday 18 October, 2pm
- ◇ Friday 20 October, 2pm
- ◇ Wednesday 1 November, 11am
- ◇ Friday 3 November, 11am

If you would like the opportunity to visit or know anybody else who would, please book a place by contacting the school office (telephone 283206). A maximum of 12 adults per tour so booking is essential.

Packed Lunches

In line with the school's healthy eating policy, can we please remind you that packed lunches should contain either sandwiches or a salad and no fizzy drinks, sweets or chocolate. Can we also remind you not send any peanut or tree nut containing products (check labels) for your child to eat during school time.

Premier Holiday clubs

Premier Sport are providing **October Half-term** and **Christmas Holiday Clubs** at local venues across Suffolk, running weekdays, throughout October half-term, and the Christmas holiday for ages 4 - 12.

Standard Day 9am-3:30pm available, as well as Extended Day's which will run from 8:30am-5pm with a Flexi-Registration and Flexi-Collect for your children at specific venues.

Prices available via leaflet or visit <https://book.premier-education.com/for-families/search-for-activities-near-you> for further details.

Each day is carefully planned and structured so the children have fun all throughout the day as well as developing skills in different sports.

Full details are available on the website.

Promotional Offer - Book any 3 days or more per family and save 20%! Use code '3DAY20' to redeem. Bookings to be made via www.premier-education.com or by calling 01473 598005.

Parent Survey Analysis 2016-17

Thank you to all of you that took the time to complete the Parent Survey that came with your child's report at the end of last term. We regard the parent voice as a valuable source of information on how we might improve the experience for all of the children at our schools and we really appreciate your feedback.

When comparing with last year's results for Fairfield it is fantastic to see that in all but one of the areas more of you agreed with the statements. Looking at the Colneis survey more of the agree responses are down from last year but these are balanced out by increases in 'neither agree or disagree' and 'don't know'.

Homework continues to divide opinion at both schools, as it does every year! We always try and find a balance, though with the increasing demands of the revised primary curriculum since 2014 the need to practise and consolidate the learning that takes place in school is more important than ever. Please contact your child's class teacher if you would like any additional support or guidance regarding homework.

As well as the information that we can gather from the survey the comments that you also include are a great source of information. Here are a few hi-lights from this year's survey:

Wonderful, wonderful school.

Your standard of teaching is outstanding.

Communication to parents and parent involvement is good.

I am very satisfied and I wouldn't want my child to go anywhere else.

Assessing performance and identifying where more support is needed is done well.

The culture and environment is one that nurtures and supports the children.

10/10 very happy.

(You) Provide a welcoming, happy and kind environment for my children to learn in.

Things for us to consider going forward:

How often the Fairfield library is used by children.

Review some elements of the behaviour policy.

Continue our work to ensure the children always feel safe in school.

Thank you again for taking the time to help us improve the experience for you as parents and your children.

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Parent Survey Analysis

Fairfield Infant School 77 respondents				
	Agree	Neither Agree or Disagree	Disagree	Don't know
My child is happy at school	98%		2%	
My child feels safe at school	97%			3%
My child has made good progress at school	97%	3%		
My child is well looked after at school	98%	2%		
My child is taught well at school	100%			
My child receives appropriate homework for their age	92%		6%	2%
The school ensures that the pupils are well behaved	95%		2%	3%
I feel that the school would deal/has dealt with any concerns about bullying effectively	74%	6%	3%	16%
The school is well managed	95%	2%	2%	2%
The school deals well with any concerns I raise	87%	6%	3%	3%
I receive valuable information about my child's progress and how I can help	98%		2%	
I would recommend the school to another parent	92%	3%	5%	

Colneis Junior School 62 respondents				
	Agree	Neither Agree or Disagree	Disagree	Don't know
My child is happy at school	96%	3%		1%
My child feels safe at school	94%	6%		
My child has made good progress at school	96%	4%		
My child is well looked after at school	96%	3%	1%	
My child is taught well at school	97%	3%		
My child receives appropriate homework for their age	87%	9%	3%	1%
The school ensures that the pupils are well behaved	70%	22%	5%	3%
I feel that the school would deal/has dealt with any concerns about bullying effectively	69%	16%	6%	9%
The school is well managed	87%	12%	1%	
The school deals well with any concerns I raise	73%	14%	5%	8%
I receive valuable information about my child's progress and how I can help	88%	12%		
I would recommend the school to another parent	92%	8%		

Art on the Prom

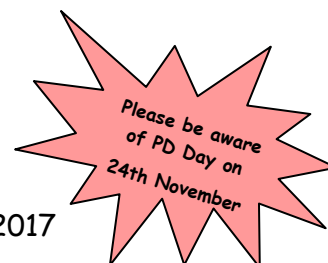
Back in June children from Year 1 and Year 3 worked with a local artist to create 'Sweet Treats' for the Felixstowe Feasting Table at this years Art on the Prom.

After designing their food items on paper, the children had the expertise of Jenny Nutbean, to bring their drawings to life. Buckets of popcorn, candyfloss, toffee apples and doughnuts were all created from a variety of materials.

The children enjoyed the opportunity to develop their art and design skills alongside Jenny and the end result was several trays of delicious looking food. In fact, some of them looked good enough to eat! The sweet treats joined food made by children from other Felixstowe schools and the feasting table was laden with goodies on the day.



Term dates for 2017-2018



Autumn Term 2017:

Start of Autumn term: Wednesday 6th September 2017
Half Term: Monday 23rd October-Friday 27th October 2017
End of Autumn term: Tuesday 19th December 2017
PD days: Monday 4th September 2017
 Tuesday 5th September 2017
 Friday 24th November 2017

Spring Term 2018:

Start of Spring term: Thursday 4th January 2018
Half term: Monday 12th February-Friday 16th February 2018
End of Spring term: Thursday 29th March 2018
PD day: Wednesday 3rd January 2018

Summer Term 2018:

Start of Summer term: Monday 16th April 2018
Bank Holiday: Monday 7th May 2018
Half term: Monday 28th May-Friday 1st June 2018
End of Summer term: Tuesday 24th July 2018
PD days: Monday 4th June 2018

August 2017							September 2017							October 2017						
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November 2017							December 2017							January 2018						
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February 2018							March 2018							April 2018						
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May 2018							June 2018							July 2018						
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