



Newsletter

May 2019

Dear Parents and Carers,

As always, the term is rapidly moving on and I am sure you will see from the list of diary dates that we still have a huge amount ahead of us between now and the end of term.

A number of our children across the schools have either taken, are currently taking, or will be taking part in the statutory tests that are carried out in all state schools at this time of year. I am sure that you will have seen lots in the press about the benefits and disadvantages of national testing and you will all have your own views on them. What I feel is important to note is how positively all our children engage in them. We work very hard to strike a real balance between preparing the children for the experiences that they are going to have, alongside not placing them under undue pressure. It is a difficult balancing act to get right, but an important one for our children. As a parent of a child currently in Year 2 at a school in Ipswich, I personally appreciate the potential impact these statutory tests can have on children.

Above anything, however, it is clearly vital for us to acknowledge that these tests only assess a few areas of the curriculum and each child's strengths. They do not assess skills and expertise in areas such as sport, dance, drama, art, computing to name but a few. Additionally, they do not measure personal development and the ability of a child to show acceptance towards others, perseverance, teamwork or honesty. These life skills are just as important in our schools to allow and encourage our fantastic young people to be well rounded citizens of the future.

Finally, as I come towards the end of my first year at Fairfield and Colneis, I would like to thank you for your continued support towards myself and the staff. Please do continue to catch me informally before or after school to let me know how we are doing, both in the areas that we want to keep developing in alongside where things are going well. Enjoy your half term break.

With best wishes,
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Many congratulations to Mr & Mrs Rowlandson on the safe arrival of Bertie George. Weighing 8lb12oz, he is a lovely little brother for Archie.



Dates:

Wednesday 22 May, 1.30pm Y1 Open Afternoon

Friday 24 May PD Day

Monday 27-Friday 31 May Half term

Tuesday 4 June, 11am Tour of Fairfield for prospective parents

Tuesday 4 June, AM Year 5 to visit Year 2 buddies at Fairfield

Wednesday 5 June Cross school activity - Reception to Year 3, Year 1 to Year 4

Thursday 6 June, 11am Tour of Fairfield for prospective parents

Friday 7 June Nursery visit to Foxgrove Nursing Home for picnic

Friday 7 June, 1.30pm Tour of Fairfield for prospective parents

Friday 7 June (every Friday for x7 weeks until 19 July), AM Year 2 swimming at Colneis

w/c **Monday 10 June** Y1 phonics screening

Saturday 15 June, 12pm-3pm Friends of Fairfield Summer Fair

Monday 17 June, PM Year 2 to Maidstone Infant for multisports

Tuesday 18 June Class photographs

Wednesday 19 June, AM Reception allotment visit

Wednesday 19 June, 11am Tour of Colneis for Y2 parents (please book directly via Colneis office 01394 284052)

Thursday 20 June, 1.30pm Tour of Colneis for Y2 parents (please book directly via Colneis office 01394 284052)

Tuesday 25 June, 10am Visit of new reception children Class 1

Wednesday 26 June, 10am Visit of new reception children Class 2

Thursday 27 June, 10am Visit of new reception children Class 3

Thursday 27 June, AM Year 2 to visit Year 5 buddies at Colneis

Friday 28 June SEND coffee morning at Colneis (invited parents only)

Friday 28 June Year 1 Victorian day

Monday 1 July, 1.30pm Tour of Colneis for Y2 parents (please book directly via Colneis office 01394 284052)

Monday 1 July, 10am & 2pm Meeting for new nursery/reception parents in school hall

Tuesday 2 July, AM Panoramic photograph of all students from Fairfield and Colneis (to be taken at Colneis)

Wednesday 3 July PE Enrichment Reception & Year 2

Thursday 4 July, 8.50am-10.15am Reception Stay n Play

Thursday 4 July (9am-10am Y2 Parents' open morning) + Year 2 trip to the beach

Friday 5 July PE Enrichment Nursery & Year 1

Monday 8 July Year 2 transition day to Colneis (Y3 visiting Fairfield for the day)

Monday 8 July, 6pm Y2 Parent/Carer information meeting at Colneis

Wednesday 10 July Fairfield sports day (AM: Nursery & Reception, PM: Year 1 & Year 2)

Friday 12 July Reports to go home

Monday 15 July Whole school transition morning (Reception to Y1, Y1 to Y2, Y2 to Reception)

Monday 15 July, 3.30pm-5pm Reception, Y1 & Y2 open evening

Tuesday 16 July, 9.30am-11.30am Introductory morning of new reception children Class 1

Wednesday 17 July, 9.30am-11.30am Introductory morning of new reception children Class 2

Thursday 18 July, 9.30am-11.30am Introductory morning of new reception children Class 3

Tuesday 23 July, 2pm Year 2 leavers assembly

Wednesday 24 July Last day of term

Fairfield Assemblies

The following classes will be leading our assembly:

Thursday 13 June, commencing at 10am

Joint Reception - RA, RB & RC*

Friday 19 July, commencing at 10.45am

Nursery

Tuesday 23 July, commencing at 2pm

Y2 Leavers Assembly*

*Due to space restrictions, the number of guests to attend this assembly is 2 per child

Pupils' Success

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Friends of Fairfield

We are excited to announce that our Summer Fair is taking place on Saturday 15th June from 12pm- 3pm. There will be a huge number of events, games and activities including J&C Party Pets, inflatable slide, Maypole Dancing, the school choir, a visit from Felixstowe Fire Fighters, refreshments and a BBQ.

These events don't occur without a great deal of organisation both before and on the day so we would love to hear from you if you can help on the day by either setting up from 11am, running a stall or staying after to help clear up. You don't need to help for the whole event as we would appreciate you volunteering for an hour so you can still enjoy the fair yourself. Your children are welcome to help you on the day as this is family event.

If you are not able to help on the day, there are lots of other ways you can contribute. We would greatly appreciate donations for our toy tombola, as well as our new 'Hamper Raffle'. This involves each year group donating small gifts so we can create hampers, with raffle tickets being sold in the weeks before the fair. Each Year Group will have a theme for their hampers. Please see the Parentmail sent on 21st May 2019 for information.

Donations can be left at the office and if you would like to join us on the day by running a stall, helping set up or staying after to clear away, then please see Mrs Barker in Year 2 or email friendsoffairfield@outlook.com

Without the money we raise the school would not be able to benefit from the little things that mean so much too every child at Fairfield. Friends of Fairfield fund each child with a present from Santa, assisting to fund Year 1's trip to Jimmy's Farm, provide outside equipment for the nature reserve and provide Nursery, Reception and Year 2 with funding for their own projects. We are also committed to replacing the last of the smart boards to ensure the best equipment is available for our children.

Spring Treasure Hunt

A big thank you to those who took part in the spring treasure hunt. A total of £378 was raised.

The winners of the treasure hunt were:

Jude
Renaë
Luke
Toby

Special thanks to Pawel who raised the largest amount.

Upcoming Dates

23 May: 1C Class Cake Bake
15 June: School Summer Fair **all classes to provide cakes
28 June: RC Class Cake Bake & Ice pop sale
12 July: RB Class Cake Bake & Ice pop sale

Can we kindly remind you that both of Fairfield and Colneis are nut aware zones so please ensure any cake donations are free from nut ingredients.

Many thanks for your continued support of our fund raising events.
Friends of Fairfield



Dates:

Friday 24 May PD Day

Monday 27-Friday 31 May Half term

w/c Monday 3 June Y6 Mersea Residential

Tuesday 4 June, AM Year 5 to visit Year 2 buddies at Fairfield

Tuesday 4 June and Tuesday 11 June, AM Dentist visiting Year 3

Wednesday 5 June Cross school activity - Reception to Year 3, Year 1 to Year 4

Monday 10th June, 1.30pm-3pm Class 3B Parents' Open Afternoon

Wednesday 12-Tuesday 18 June, 3.30pm-4.40pm Travelling book fair

Thursday 13th June, 1.30pm-3pm Class 3A Parents' Open Afternoon

Friday 14th June, 1.30pm-3pm Class 3C Parents' Open Afternoon

Friday 14 June Year 5 to Foxburrow Farm

Thursday 20th June, 5pm-7pm FOC Summer Fair

Friday 21 June Year 6 Gymnastics visit to Pipers Vale (info to follow)

Tuesday 25 June, PM Sports day

Thursday 27 June, AM Year 2 to visit Year 5 buddies at Colneis

Friday 28 June SEND coffee morning at Colneis (invited parents only)

Monday 1 July, PM Area Sports at Trimley St Mary

Tuesday 2 July, AM Panoramic photograph of all students from Fairfield and Colneis (to be taken at Colneis)

Wednesday 3 July Year 5 Bawdsey parent meeting (info to follow)

Friday 5 July, 6.30pm-8pm FOC summer disco

Monday 8 July Year 3 visiting Fairfield for the day

Thursday 11 July, 1.30pm Year 6 parent' open afternoon, theme: rounders

Friday 19 July, 2pm Y6 leavers assembly

Friday 19 July Y6 leavers disco

Wednesday 24 July Last day of term

Colneis Assembly

The following class will be leading our assembly at 10.15am:

Wednesday 19 June Class 3B

Wednesday 26 June Class 3A

Wednesday 3 July Class 5C

Pupils' Success

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JOINT SCHOOL INFORMATION

Golden Ticket Winners!

For reading 4 times (or more) a week:

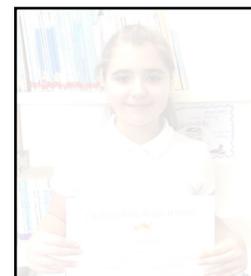
Fairfield Golden Ticket Winners:

Daisy, Finley, Sophia, Benjamin, Morgan



Colneis Golden Ticket Winners:

Thomas, Matilda, Ella, Casey, Tilly



Join Premier this Half Term...

Multi-Sport, Musical Theatre, Gymnastics and Football themed holiday camps running at a venue near you!

New for 2019 - The Premier Discount Club

Join Premier's brand new discount club to receive exclusive discounts and offers that are not available anywhere else! Simply text CLUBPREM SUFFOLK to 60777 and you'll receive an instant 50% discount for May Camps!

Please Note: Text messages will be charged at your standard network rate. You will not be charged to receive messages from us. We promise not to send you spam, however you may opt-out at any time by texting CLUBPREMSTOP to 60777

Find your nearest camp at:

<https://family.premier-education.com/about-us/suffolk/holiday-activities>

Easter Celebration Assembly - Colneis

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Easter Celebration Assembly - Fairfield

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The Federation of Fairfield and Colneis—Governor News

As you know, the whole governing body meets twice every term. Governors also serve on committees and I thought that it would be interesting for you to hear about the work that they do. Graham Smith chairs the Buildings and Premises/Health and Safety committee. He has written the following article.

Celia Davies
Chair of Governors

BUILDINGS AND PREMISES/HEALTH AND SAFETY COMMITTEE

One of the committees of the Governing Body is the Buildings and Premises/Health and Safety Committee. It is chaired by one of the Governors and includes the Headteacher, School Business Manager and a small number of Governors.

As suggested by the name, the committee looks at all matters affecting the school buildings, their maintenance and improvements, defects and future needs. A rolling programme of works is reviewed each meeting with progress and requests for additional works approvals made to the Finance Committee and ultimately the Full Governing Body for the schools.

We are currently considering redevelopment of one side of the Colneis grounds to improve outside facilities and interest areas for the children alongside improved car parking arrangements. At Fairfield we continue to progress window replacement as funds allow alongside routine maintenance, service and repairs for both schools.

The governing body are committed to maintaining good standards of safety provision at the schools and regularly commission fire safety and health and safety assessments. The latest set of reports had a common theme identifying storage pressures at both schools. As a result staff were provided with time and resource (skips) to enable them to take stock and dispose of items no longer needed at the school. Readers of this newsletter will understand just how difficult and painful it can be to throw things out at home when clearing out the loft or shed! However staff engaged in the process and, after filling a number of skips, the improvement at both schools is evident. A worthwhile exercise.

A further reference for this committee is IT and communications. The school continues to replace end of life equipment and improve provision for staff and children alike. This year we plan to replace more smart boards, laptops and I pads. It is important we use the latest technology to equip the children with skills they will need in everyday life and their future education and careers.

Graham Smith
School Governor

Current Academic Year

Term dates for 2018-2019

Summer Term 2019:

Start of Summer term:	Wednesday 24th April 2019
Bank Holiday:	Monday 6th May 2019
Half term:	Monday 27th May-Friday 31st May 2019
End of Summer term:	Wednesday 24th July 2019
PD (non school) days:	Tuesday 23rd April 2019 Friday 24th May 2019

Next Academic Year

Term dates for 2019-2020

Autumn term:

Start of Autumn term:	Wednesday 4 September 2019
Half term:	Monday 21 October 2019 to Friday 25 October 2019
End of Autumn term:	Thursday 19 December 2019
PD (non school) days:	Monday 2 September 2019 Tuesday 3 September 2019 Friday 15 November 2019

Spring term:

Start of Spring term:	Tuesday 7 January 2020
Half term:	Monday 17 February 2020 to Friday 21 February 2020
End of Spring term:	Thursday 2 April 2020
PD (non school) day:	Monday 6 January 2020

Summer term:

Start of Summer term:	Monday 20 April 2020
Half term:	Monday 25 May 2020 (May Bank Holiday) to Friday 29 May 2020
End of Summer term:	Wednesday 22 July 2020
PD (non school) day:	Friday 22nd May 2020

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.