

**HEADS****UPdate**

Dear Parent/ Carer,

As the Spring Term comes to an end I am yet again amazed by all the fabulous events and achievements that have taken place. The children continue to WOW us on a daily basis and are passionate about their learning.

Our whole school visit to Woburn Safari Park at the beginning of the term seems like a distant memory now but I can't begin to tell you how proud I felt when a member of the public took time out of their visit to stop me and comment on how well behaved our children were. They are a real credit to the school.

Since then we have held many events throughout the term including World Book Day, Mother's Day afternoon tea, Play in a Day and our latest Wake Up, Shake Up in support of Sports Relief.

As always I would like to thank you as parents for your continued support and enthusiasm. From supporting your children at home with their learning to attending school events such as Family consultations and Book Day breakfast. We really couldn't achieve what we do without your support.

It's hard to believe (especially with the weather at the moment) that we are about to enter the Summer term and complete our first year. I am excited by the prospect of the future as we continue to

**Achieve together, step by step!**

Enjoy the Easter break  
Best wishes

Mr Shotton



## Early Years

Early Years has been busy this term!

Reception class have enjoyed learning about animals, fairy tales, superheroes and spring – where we have learnt about grouping animals, where they live, what they eat etc. We loved becoming superheroes and developed our sentence writing around these. Our topic learning has encouraged us to write more for different purposes and build on our understanding of number. We have really enjoyed visits from the police and a nurse too.

Nursery have enjoyed the potion station in the garden making lots of different potions and lotions, we have also enjoyed parachute games both inside and outside. We found some worms and spiders in the garden, so we then went on a bug hunt with magnifying glasses to see what we could find. We have enjoyed Easter activities including an Easter egg hunt. We have built on our learning of counting and colours and introduced capacity. We love our imaginative play both inside and outside, building houses for animals and adding real vegetables to our mud kitchen.

What a busy half term!



## Year 1 and 2

We had a very exciting and engaging kick start to our topic by getting very hands on with our messy morning! Since then the mess has not stopped! We have learnt lots about capacity and put our knowledge and skills to the test by making our very own unique brand of juices. We have learnt about recipes alongside the book 'George's Marvellous Medicine' before then creating our very own recipe for a marvellous medicine of our very own! Before writing, we had the chance to test out a variety of disgusting ingredients including bogeys, maggots and sick to name but a few! Not only this but we have also learnt about local cuisine in other countries (despite us not liking the idea of raw blood soup! Yuck!) We have even designed, created and evaluated our own chocolate bar in true Willy Wonka style! We have loved learning about all things messy and just because our topic has ended doesn't mean that the mess stops there. We will continue to learn about and make mess in new and exciting ways throughout the year!

## Year 3

Year 3 have been very busy this half term, we started by visiting Tesco to investigate where our food comes from and to buy ingredients for just one of the many amazing recipes we have attempted as a class. Following on from all of this hard work of following and writing recipes, we will be putting our skills to the test when we serve a healthy breakfast at the Wake Up, Shake Up morning for Sports Relief. Also, we cannot finish this half term without mentioning the overnight residential Year 3 attended at the Caldecotte Xperience centre. The children had a fabulous couple of days full of activities such as climbing, caving, archery, canoeing, bushcraft and orienteering, and represented the school amazingly, displaying excellent manners and great attitudes to trying new things throughout the two days.







### Bees Knees

This term saw the launch of our weekly 'Bees Knees' award assembly. Children can be chosen by their Class teacher for outstanding achievement, progress, behaviour or upholding aspects of the creed. There are also awards for PE, Music and Responsible Citizen. Every Friday morning we hold an assembly to celebrate the successes of the children. Parents of the nominees are invited to join us at the assembly. This is followed by our nominees having the privilege of sitting at a specially set 'Top Table' during Lunchtime on Friday.

### After School Club

Fairfields staff are pleased to be able to offer the following after school clubs for the Summer Term:

- Sticky Kids Musical Movement (Nursery, Reception & Year 1)
- Storybox (Year 2 & 3)
- Pottery (Years 1, 2 & 3)
- Crafty Fingers (Nursery & Reception)
- Jolly hockey (Years 1, 2 & 3)

We also continue our partnership with our sports companies, Teddy tennis, teddy football and Judo.

We monitor the participation of children attending our extracurricular clubs, therefore please try to ensure that your child signs up for at least one club.

Please refer to the letter sent home to select your child's chosen club for the Summer Term.



### PE Days

**Reception** – Wednesday and Friday  
**Years 1 and 2** – Wednesday and Friday  
**Year 3** – Wednesday and Friday

Please ensure your child has their full PE Kit in school from Monday to Friday.

### Dates for your diary

**Mon 9<sup>th</sup> April** – Children return to school  
**w/c – 16<sup>th</sup> April** – After School Clubs commence  
**Thurs 3<sup>rd</sup> May** – School being used as a Polling Station for local elections.  
**Tues 15<sup>th</sup> May** – Class photographs  
**Fri 25<sup>th</sup> May** – Break for half term





## Speed Awareness

Could we please remind parents that the school car park and the entrance into it is a **5 mph** zone. We have noticed several parents entering the car park at speeds in excess of 5 mph which as I am sure you will agree is extremely dangerous considering we have children accessing the premises.



## Uniform Supplier

Just a reminder that our uniform supplier is now Maisies. Maisies Superstore is an online retail shop based in Wolverton, Milton Keynes. Parents have the option of visiting the shop to try and buy or ordering online.

## Healthy Lunchbox

In our drive to promote and encourage a healthy lifestyle for everyone, please can we remind parents that **chocolate** and **sweets** are not allowed in packed lunchboxes.



## Parent questionnaire ...

Many thanks to all our parents who completed the parent questionnaire either online or by hand. We greatly appreciate and value your feedback and we were delighted with all the positive responses. Equally we have listened to your suggestions for ways in which we can improve and are working hard to ensure we are the best we can be.

## Attendance ...

The attendance and punctuality of your child/children is paramount to their learning and education. School gates are unlocked at **8.30am** and registration closes at **8.50am**. We greatly appreciate your support in ensuring that your child arrives at school promptly to have an effective start to every day. See below the link/ website address to Milton Keynes School attendance guide for parents.

<https://www.milton-keynes.gov.uk/schools-and-lifelong-learning/information-for-parents/milton->

## Safeguarding ...

As part of our unwavering commitment to safeguarding children, can we remind you to ensure that the school is aware if you have arranged for someone other than yourself to collect your child/ children from school. Please ensure that they have been provided with the unique password, as we will not allow children to leave the premises unless we are satisfied that the children are safe and know who is collecting them. We will be holding a Safeguarding meeting for parents early in the Summer Term. Further information to follow.