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Dear Parents / Carers,

As the Autumn term draws to an end, I can only reflect on what has been another busy and amazing term in school. It's hard to believe that we have achieved so much in just 14 weeks from our first ever team event in the cross country, to a very successful community firework display and numerous in school curriculum events.

The children, along with the help and support from the staff, have worked extremely hard and continue to make great progress in all areas of their learning and school life.

This term saw the coming together of a parent and school committee "Friends of Fairfields" who have already managed to raise over £800 towards school funds through various fundraising events. I would personally like to thank Jilly and her team of dedicated volunteers who have made these events so successful and beneficial for our school and the community.

I'm sure you would all agree that the Christmas performances were absolutely fantastic, and the children conducted themselves in a professional manner. The staff and children work so hard to get everything right, and they continue to make me very proud.

On behalf of everybody at Fairfields Primary School, we wish you all a peaceful and Merry Christmas and a very Happy New Year and look forward to seeing you all return, refreshed and ready for a new school term on Monday 7th January 2019.



Nursery Class

We have had a fabulous half term in Pegasus, with lots of exciting things going on in our learning environments. The children loved exploring our autumn tuff tray, full of things they had collected on their autumn walk with their families. We have also enjoyed learning about different fruits and vegetables, then cutting them up in our mud kitchen, making delicious soups.

We were lucky to get some new resources this term that have gone down well with all the children. We are ending the term on a high, being amazed and so proud of all our children in their performances of wriggly nativity.





Reception

We have been very busy this term, settling into school routines and learning lots of new things. The children of Aurora Class have been enjoying applying learning from direct sessions into their independent learning time and are using the areas of the classroom well, including the purple learner challenges. It has been a long term and has been very tiring – for children and adults – but we have enjoyed writing sentences, learning phonics and mastering numbers to 10. The children have been wonderful and more recently have been practising the nativity, to perform a fantastic two productions of 'The Wiggly Nativity' to adults. We were very proud of them!

Miss Waller has been in to visit and the children have had a lovely time getting to know her. Parents will be able to meet Miss Waller in the new year as unfortunately she has been unable to be released for any further time.

We wish all the children a lovely Christmas break and are very excited about the new learning coming next year, the starting topic being 'Fairytals'.

Year 1

Year 1 have been busy this half-term exploring the enchanted woodland! We kicked off our topic by taking a trip to Howe Park Woods! We learnt about evergreen and deciduous trees as well as trying to identify the types of trees that the leaves had fallen from. We also went on a hunt for woodland animals, we saw a blackbird and a magpie but sadly no Bog Babies! We had to write a magical story about a Bog Baby instead! Back in the classroom we have started to learn how to sketch and we have had a go at sketching different woodland animals. We have also learnt about some of the woodland animals that we didn't see on our trip by learning about their habitats. We are looking forward to next term and exploring Brazil!

Year 2

Wriggle, wriggle, wriggle... this half term in Year 2, we have put our exploring hats on and researched mini beasts and their habitats and classifying different types of bugs. We have also looked at their different habitats and microhabitats and understood the features. We have linked our Topic learning to Science as we have been on an amazing exploration trip to Howe Park Wood. We then linked it to Geography as we looked at maps of areas and analysed them. In Art we have been drawing real living animals and looking at their features. In Computing we have used the Bee Bots to help us with our directions and coordination – we can now program a simple algorithm! We have had such a wonderful wriggle and crawl topic.

Year 3/4

On their return to school this half term Juno class were stunned to find their classroom had been completely trashed! It took a lot of hard work collecting evidence and solving clues to figure out that a terrifying metal monster had invaded our school looking for shiny new parts. We are hoping it doesn't return over the Christmas holidays! The children have thoroughly enjoyed our Mighty Metals topic, learning about magnets, metals and forces through various experiments in science, and creating a fabulous piece of writing based on The Iron Man in our English lessons.





Friends of Fairfield Primary School (FFPS)

I just wanted to say a HUGE thank you for your support so far this year. We're a new group and have only just started to organise events for the children and our shared community, but your support and involvement has been invaluable. We hope this will continue throughout your child's time at Fairfields!

In case you don't know much about us...Friends of Fairfields is made up of a selection of parents and teachers who come together throughout the year to organise fundraising events to raise vital funds to help support the school. To date we have raised over £800 which is a fantastic result!

If you would like to join us, please either email fofps@gmail.co.uk or speak to Mrs Tagg/Reception who will be able to advise when our next meeting is. Everyone is welcome - we all know that many hands make light work!

Headteachers Award

Well done to all the children who won the Headteachers award this half term. They are:

Calum, Prince, Ruby, Cooper, Jack, Daniel, Isaac and Kelly



Attendance & Punctuality

Attendance at school is vital in maximising a child's success at school and future life chances. Please help us to ensure that your child reaches their full potential by ensuring they attend school regularly. Unless your child is unwell, it is the expectation that all children attending Fairfields Primary School attend every day the school is open.

Welcome to our new staff

Mrs Marcarla Purnell – Nursery Nurse
Miss Jess Tag – Nursery Assistant
Miss Grace Yee – Undergraduate Trainee Teacher
Mrs Kirsty Outtram – KS1 lead
Miss Lauren Waller – Reception Teacher

We wish Mrs Emily Castle all the very best for her maternity leave and look forward to meeting the new arrival soon

PE Days



Aurora – Monday and Thursday
Luna – Monday and Wednesday
Neptune – Wednesday and Thursday
Juno – Tuesday (Swimming) and Friday

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