



**HEADS**

**UPdate**

It is hard to believe that we have come to the end of what has been a challenging school year but WOW!! What a fantastic and successful year it has been for the Fairfields Family – the children and staff have worked extremely hard Mrs Tagg and I are so proud of their achievements.

Every day, we count our blessings, being both privileged and fortunate to be part of such a wonderful family – the children, staff, governors, parents and community.

We feel extremely honoured to have worked so closely with your amazing children. They have been true ambassadors of our school and have fully embraced and overcome the many challenges this unprecedented year has thrown at them. Their commitment, resilience and attitude towards their learning has truly been nothing short of exceptional and as a result, they have broken down all barriers and achieved to the very best of their ability. We are all so proud!

We would like to wish you all a fantastic summer break and look forward to welcoming familiar and new faces back to Fairfields in September.

Thank you for your continued trust and support.

With very warm wishes,

Mr Shotton and Mrs Tagg.

## Reception

### Underwater Topic:



This half term our topic has been [under the ocean!](#) We have celebrated World Ocean's Day, made our own jellyfish in art. In maths we have been looking at measuring capacity and linking it to science with sinking and floating materials. We are very interested in saving the oceans so we have been recycling plastic bottles and making plant pots out of them to grow peppers – and they have really come alive!

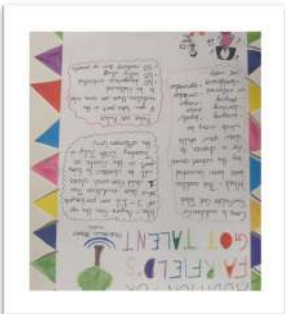


### Pirate Day:



Our Pirate day was so much fun! We dressed up to have a jolly ol' day of it. We found some treasure in our treasure hunt and we played lots of pirate games! We even learnt a sea shanty and dance (much to the teachers' dismay!)

### Student Council End of Year:



The student council have worked very hard this year behind the scenes to get ready for the new academic year! Due to the circumstances (Covid) we have not been able to put a lot of our ideas into place and have instead planned a lot of things for the upcoming year including a buddy bench and fundraising ideas. One thing we just **had** to do, however, was our pick-me-up of Fairfields Got Talent! All year groups are having auditions and the final will be next week – with 2 amazing Judges to see who wins FFGT 2021! The winners will get a medal and an afternoon tea on a Friday afternoon in the new school year!



### Eco Council Update:

Our allotment is now ready to be used! In the new academic year, we will be sorting out the soil, rocks and weeds. We will then be asking for donations to help set up our allotment. The Eco Council will be fundraising (as one of our members has kindly been doing already!) to get all of the tools and equipment we will need to set up our own plot effectively. In addition to this, the Eco council have been ticking things off their list to gain the [Green Flag award](#) for Fairfields! We are looking at lots of different things including our solar panels, our water bills, our waste, our recycling and our sustainability as a school. Watch this space!

## Key Stage One

What a fabulous Summer term we have had! The children in Year 1 and 2 have thoroughly enjoyed their learning this term. It has been full of adventure; dinosaur hunts, Africa day and then a visit to Woburn Safari Park, where the children were absolutely incredible and such excellent ambassadors for Fairfields. We had a fantastic day, one of the highlights being the numerous monkeys on our coach. The children's squeals of excitement were brilliant and Miss Yee and Miss Wilson did an excellent job of 'touring' us around the park on the coach microphones!

I want to say a huge, heart felt thank you to the staff in Key Stage One for all their passion and commitment through such a difficult academic year. Despite everything that we have been through, in both school and our own personal lives, our team have ensured that the children in their classes have continued to have the best possible education and the most amazing experiences. We have carried out end of year assessments as normal and we are simply thrilled at the results. Our children have not only met their targets, but exceeded them and after a year like this it is nothing short of amazing.

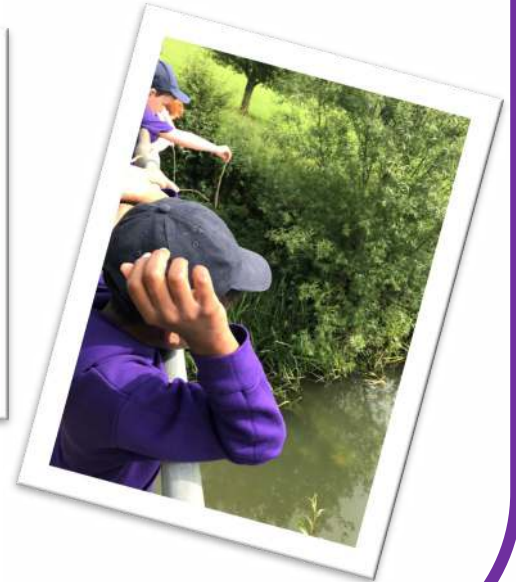
A huge thank you to all our parents too for your continued support and trust in us and finally to our wonderful children who make it all worthwhile.

We wish you all a restful and hopefully sunny summer and look forward to another fun filled year together.



### Year 3

Year 3 had a fantastic morning by the river on our trip with Parks Trust. We learnt new vocabulary such as meander and erosion, we test how far the water travels and we even played pooh sticks!



### Year 4

Last week, Year 4 travelled the short distance to Bradwell Abbey, a local Roman Villa, where they learnt all about Roman Britain, Boudicca's defeat and how to be a Roman soldier! After a fun packed morning, we made the short walk to the Roman villa, where the children found out more about the history of the site and the amazing (but gory!) history of Roman medicine. At the end of our trip, the children were generously gifted a fabulous book about the history of Milton Keynes, what a wonderful end to the day! The children thoroughly enjoyed themselves and the knowledge they have taken from the day is outstanding.



## Year 5

On Wednesday the 14th of July, both Y5 and Y6 went to Drayton Manor Theme Park in Staffordshire. The trip was intended as a reward for the Y6's for their hard work and effort, but also linked with the Y5 learning project of 'Scream Machine' from earlier in the year.

We set off bright and early on a luxury coach and settled down to watch 'Shrek' as the coach made its way towards the park. We were one of the first coaches to arrive on site and this just allowed the excitement to build amongst the children!

Once we had set up our 'base', the children were allowed to go around the park in their groups to experience all the thrill, spills and excitement that Drayton has to offer.

From rollercoasters to water rides, to winning cuddly toys the size of themselves - all children had a wonderful time and were certainly impeccably behaved!

You could tell by the sheer number of children that fell asleep on the coach ride home that a fun, exhausting day was had by all. Well done Y5 and 6 for representing the school so well!



## Year 6

Year 6 have been out on a litter pick to help keep the local area clean. We worked in teams using equipment borrowed from the Galley Hill Residents' Association (thank you!) and managed to clear up two whole bags of rubbish.

Year 6 have had a visit from Mrs Wall, the head of Maths from Watling Academy! We had a great lesson exploring the area of compound shapes and finding out that there is nothing to worry about when transitioning to secondary school.





### Head Teachers Award



A huge well done to our Head Teachers Award winners this term, congratulations to you all, we are o proud of

Pegasus- Maryam	Juno- Tommy
Aurora- Harry	Jupiter-RB
Flora- Dhriti	Mars-Maya
Luna- Janiaya	Pax-Ava
Apollo- Iniya	Mercury- Elyse
Neptune- Zoe	Saturn- Cezara
Vulcan- Alicia	Attendance Champions- Vulcan

### Year 6 Leavers Ceremony

On Monday we held our inaugural Leavers Graduation for our first Year 6 cohort. It was an emotional evening full of laughter and a few tears. After a heart-warming speech from Mr Shotton, we handed out the children's leavers hoodies, badges and certificates, as well as special awards for Outstanding Attainment, Outstanding Progress, Outstanding Attitudes to Learning, Sports Achiever, Outstanding contributions to School Life and Outstanding Bee Knees. The winners of these awards will have their names put up on our new achievement boards in the hall. We then moved outside to the field to start a new tradition of planting a leavers tree, before returning for food and final farewells! Good luck to our Year 6 leavers 2020-21! We wish you the best and hope to see you again in the future! The children surprised Mr Shotton, Mrs Tagg and Mr Thomas with their very own awards too!



### Dates for your diary

Term Starts Friday 3rd September 2021  
Term Ends October 22nd for October half term.

### B&A Club

We have had a wonderful time in our B&A Club over the course of the year. The children have all adapted well in their bubbles and have all enjoyed being located in the school hall., with lots of space for fun and games and access to the playground daily has been great for the children. As of September we will be in a new area so we will keep you up to date during the course of the summer holidays. We have introduced new session times to cater for our families.

#### Breakfast Club

Session 1. 7.30-8.30 incl breakfast £6.50 Session 2 . 7.45-8.30 including breakfast £5.50 Session 3. 8-8.30 £3.75 excluding breakfast.

#### After School Club

Session 1. 3.30-5pm incl rolling snack £8.50 Session 2. 3.30-5.30 incl rolling snack £10.50 Session 3. 3.30-6pm £12.50 incl a light snack such as cheese on toast, a slice of pizza, a small bowl of pasta. Rolling snack consists of fruit, bread and butter or crackers.

Sadly we are saying goodbye to Miss Miller one of our Breakfast Club Assistants, I am sure you will join me in wishing her all the best for the future, she will be very missed by our breakfast club staff and children.

Thank you to lots of our support staff in particular Mrs Stephenson, Mrs Hunter, Mrs Matthews, Miss Barnes, Mrs Kerr and Miss Steel, who are always happy to help us make sure B&A runs smoothly and a special thanks to our to the parents for your continued support and cooperation throughout the year. Please keep an eye on your Parent Mail over the summer as I will let you know when the registers are live for September.

We look forward to seeing you all in September, our breakfast club will not be running on the first morning back to help with a smooth transition for the children's first morning back to school.

Dawn and the B&A Team

### Athlete Visit

Following our visit from Steve Frew, the Olympic Gymnast, your sponsorship raised a final phenomenal figure of **£2,143** for the school to spend on sports equipment to further enhance our sports provision.

A huge thank you to everyone who sponsored the children, we were blown away by your generosity.

### Book Fair

Last week saw us welcome the Scholastic Book Fair. Miss Wilson, our Reading Lead, organised the event in order to raise money for even more books for school and from all your generous purchases we as a school will be eligible to £950 worth of books. Thank you so very much.