



**HEADS**

**UPdate**

Dear Parents/Carers,

It is hard to believe that we are entering our final half term of the academic year. Where has the time gone?

As we start to experience a greater sense of 'normality', we have revelled in the fact that we have been able to once again get back to offering our full and broad curriculum and it has been a delight to see our children going back out on visits, starting swimming lessons again and our peripatetic music teachers coming back into school to deliver their lessons. Although we still have to follow Government guidelines and observe control measures we will also be offering some after school sports clubs next half term so look out for further information.

When we returned on the 8<sup>th</sup> March we began swift and rigorous assessments of all our children and we were delighted to find that on the whole, the gaps in learning were not as wide as we had anticipated thanks to our comprehensive remote learning offer and of course the invaluable support from all of you at home, our parent teachers. Thank you, you have done an amazing job in the toughest of circumstances and we achieved together, step by step!

Our children have shown their strength and resilience and have come back with the same energy and enthusiasm for learning that they always have and it has been a joy to have everyone back.

My final thanks go to our amazing Fairfields staff team. Without them and their tireless dedication and relentless hard work we wouldn't be able to be as successful as we are.

Our best wishes and thanks go out to Mr Kerley as we say a sad goodbye and wish him luck in all his future ventures.

On behalf of myself and all the team we wish you all a happy and relaxing half term holiday and we will keep our fingers crossed that the sun might shine and give us a sign that Summer is on the way ready for our final half term.

Best wishes

Mr Shotton  
Executive Head



We have been delighted to welcome many new Governors to our team, all of whom come with valuable skills, expertise and knowledge in their own fields which will serve to strengthen and enhance our school leadership. All Governors hold an area of strategic oversight across school and many have already had opportunities to come into school to meet with Senior Leaders to develop a greater understanding of their area. Below is a list of Governors and their areas of strategic oversight:

Governor	Area of Strategic Oversight
Nicolette Green	Chair of Governors Leadership and Management Safeguarding Finance and HR
Priya Magar	Vice Chair of Governors Early Years Assessment and Outcomes Finance and HR
Tony Nelson	Leadership and Management Quality of Education – whole school
Rachel Roberts	Quality of Education and Curriculum – KS1
Dawn Petch	Inclusion (Special Educational Needs, Pupil Premium, English as an additional language) Quality of Education and Curriculum – KS2
Penny Beesley-Evans	Community
Evani Mannur	Personal Development, Behaviour and Well-being Quality of Education and Curriculum – KS2 Assessment and Outcomes

### Allotment

We are extremely excited to have taken ownership of our school allotment on the new community allotment site adjacent to the school. The opportunities to enhance and enrich our curriculum through the allotment are endless and we are looking forward to getting it up and running.

We have a team of very enthusiastic staff and children who are busy planning out the design of the allotment and once this is agreed we will be looking for willing parent volunteers to help us set up the site. Watch out for more details.



### Attendance and Punctuality

The attendance and punctuality of your child/children is paramount to their learning and education. Could we remind parents of the start and end of day times for each year group. (See table)

We are noticing that many children are persistently arriving late to school. Learning starts as soon as the children enter school and therefore it is imperative that your child is in class for the time stated so they do not miss out on learning. Similarly, at the end of the day, some children are being collected late (after 3.30pm).

If your child is persistently collected late they will be cared for by our Wrap Around staff which will incur a charge of £6 (early pick up fee) for every day they are collected late.

Year Group	Start time	Finish time
Nursery (Pegasus)	8.30am 12.30pm	11.30am 2.30pm 3.30pm
Reception (Aurora & Flora)	8.30am	3.10pm
Year 1 (Luna & Apollo)	8.30am	3.10pm
Year 2 (Neptune & Vulcan)	8.40am	3.20pm
Year 3 (Juno & Jupiter)	8.40am	3.20pm
Year 4 (Mars & Pax)	8.40am	3.20pm
Year 5 (Mercury)	8.30am	3.30pm
Year 6 (Saturn)	8.30am	3.30pm



### Head Teachers Award



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

Pegasus- Coen	Juno- Tiara
Aurora- Freddy	Jupiter-Krithi
Flora- Dylan	Mars-Saiben
Luna- Olivia	Pax-Chris
Apollo- Jack	Mercury- Isaac
Neptune- Isaac	Saturn- Rayhan
Vulcan- Prince	Sports Coach- Esmae

### Reading Raffle Winners

We are delighted, that finally, we have been able to get our reading raffle up and running again. Children were entered into their classes' reading raffle box if they had read five times in a week and had it been signed in their reading record. If they achieve this every week in a half-term, the more chance they have of winning a book prize from our reading wardrobe. This half-terms lucky winners are; We are delighted, that finally, we have been able to get our reading raffle up and running again. Children were entered into their classes' reading raffle box if they had read five times in a week and had it been signed in their reading record. If they achieve this every week in a half-term, the more chance they have of winning a book prize from our reading wardrobe. This half-term we are delighted, that finally, we have been able to get our reading raffle up and running again. Children were entered into their classes' reading raffle box if they had read five times in a week and had it been signed in their reading record. If they achieve this every week in a half-term, the more chance they have of winning a book prize from our reading wardrobe. This half-terms lucky winners are;



Aurora – Theo	Juno – Leo
Flora – Zoe	Jupiter – Harvey
Luna- Anna	Mars – Anunay
Apollo – Sridevi	Pax- Preston
Neptune – Aadhya	Mercury – Lavishka
Vulcan – Pranaya	Saturn – Cezara

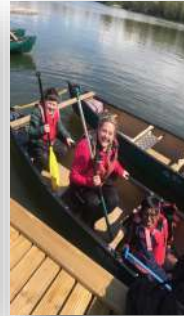
### Year 3 Caldecotte Trip

In early May both our Year 3 classes participated in our first school trip of the year to, Caldecotte.

Here are some photos of the children enjoying their school trip...

“This is the best day ever!”

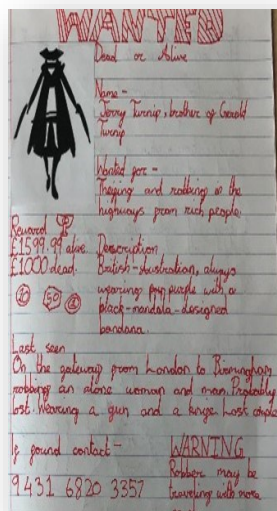
Year 3 had an amazing day at the Caldecotte Xperience. All of the children showed determination, cooperation and bravery as they took part in rock climbing, canoeing, sailing and archery.



### Year 5

“The Year 5 children finished their science unit with a bang on Wednesday! The children have certainly shown our core value of curiosity through our science lessons this term. They have undertaken a range of fun experiments with different materials including conduction, permeability and separation. Having explored materials throughout the term, we finished our learning by exploring what happens when we mix coca cola with mentos. It is clear to say, it was certainly an irreversible reaction!”

“The year 5 children have loved exploring our topic, why so many wives Henry? They have asked so many questions and have shown great excitement and passion towards their learning! From Henry VIII’s wives to how the Tudors changed London and the highwaymen that ruled the roads, we have explored many aspects of Tudor life and the children have created some fantastic posters and PowerPoints. We can’t wait for our final Tudor day to dress up, attend a Tudor banquet and even try Tudor dancing!”



### Pupil Premium

Pupil Premium is a sum of money given to schools each year by the Government to improve the attainment of children from families who are eligible for free school meals. Your child will qualify for the Pupil Premium fund if they have received free school meals at some point over the last 6 years. At Fairfield's Primary School, we believe that all children are entitled to an education which allows every child to achieve their potential regardless of their starting point in life or personal circumstances. Pupil Premium funding gives us a great opportunity to support your child in many different ways including making improvements to the educational provision and resources at the school. If you are in receipt of the following please visit the website below:

- Income Support
- Income Based Job Seekers Allowance
- Child Tax Credit Only (with income up to £16,190) with no element of Working Tax Credit
- National Asylum Seekers Support
- Guarantee Element of the State Pension Credit
- Employment and Support Allowance (income related)

Universal Credit (income dependant)

<https://www.cloudforedu.org.uk/ofsm/sims>

If you require any help with making the application, please contact the school office who will be more than happy to help you.

If you are currently in receipt of Pupil Premium funding, you do not need to reapply.

### Ideas for Healthy Lunches

Our school promotes healthy eating and we encourage the children to make healthy choices. Here are some ideas for a healthy packed lunch for you to recreate. Why not involve your child to help with their lunches and they can get creative in the kitchen whilst learning a valuable skill!

Filled Pitta Pocket with a choice of fillings, Tuna with salad, cheese, chicken and sweetcorn, or pitta pizza faces.

A salad pot with your child favourite veggies topped with some crotons.

Fruit and veggie sticks, yogurt and popcorn can all be added as nice trats for your child in their lunch.

If your child is 5 or under please can you cut grapes and cherry tomatoes length ways to avoid a choking hazard.

**Please note that we are a nut free school.**



### Student Council

Mrs Darling and the Student Council Reps have been working incredibly hard behind the scenes to complete their 3 objectives for the end of the year. There is the End of Year Show (more exciting details to follow soon!) We are analysing the votes and sharing the student voice for big buddy little buddy, and we are pushing towards our Eco Warrior status. We are currently collecting evidence for how we are an Eco School and working alongside the Allotment Leaders Mrs Shipp, Mrs Stephenson and Mrs Young to plan our allotment areas and plot out provisional planting for the next half term. We are super excited to get this up and running before the summer!



### After School Sports Clubs

We are pleased to be working with 'SportsCool' to offer the following after school sports club for the second half of the Summer Term

Year1&2-Multi-Sports, Year 3-Dodgeball, Year 4-Basketball and Year 5&6- Football

The clubs start week commencing June 7th and run until week commencing 12th July 2021.

Please see your Parent Mail for further info.

### Safeguarding

As part of our unwavering commitment to safeguarding children, we urge 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 also 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.

### Dates for your diary

Class Photographs	10 <sup>th</sup> June 2021
Year 6 Transition Day	5 <sup>th</sup> July 2021
Last Day of Term	21 <sup>st</sup> July 2021
Inset Day	22 <sup>nd</sup> July 2021