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**Fairfields**  
PRIMARY SCHOOL

## Fairfields News 16.12.2022

### Attendance Matters!



The school gates open at **8.30am** and close promptly at **8.40am** and registers are taken at **8.45am**. It is extremely important that your child arrives at school on time as learning begins as soon as they enter the classroom. Children finish school at **3.30**

***School and Nursery Absence Reporting:***

Following our Safeguarding procedures to ensure children's safety, and help us meet Government guidelines, we request that parents contact the school before 8.45 am on the first day of absence to inform us of their children's absence. We also ask that parents of children in the Nursery Class inform school if their child will not be attending. To report your child's absence, call the school on 01908 410330 and select option 1 for our absence reporting line, leaving your child's name, class and reason for absence, or you can notify the school of your child's absence by logging in to your ParentMail Account. If the school is not contacted, a call home will be made to ensure all children are accounted for. If school cannot make contact with any people on the contact list, a home visit will be made. If we are concerned about a child's safety, a referral will be made to the MASH (Multi Agency Safeguarding Hub) or the police may be called.

#### ***Family Holidays and Term Time Leave:***

Parents/Carers should ensure that family holidays are arranged outside of school term time. Parents/Carers should not remove their child from school during term time without having first requested a leave of absence in writing from the Headteacher. All requests for authorised absence will be responded to in writing and will only be authorised in the most extreme circumstances. If permission is not granted, but the child is still absent, the absence is classed as unauthorised and Parents/Carers may be issued with a fixed penalty notice of £60.00 per parent per child. Children only attend school for 190 days out of 365. This leaves 175 days for holidays.

## **Nursery Attendance!**



At Fairfields, we monitor attendance closely. Although children in the Nursery Class are below the statutory age for school, it is Fairfields expectation that all children attending Fairfields Primary School including the Nursery attend every day the school is open. Pupils' welfare is of paramount importance to us and we believe that regular attendance throughout the year is essential for their success and fulfilment.

As a school we have to send returns to the Early Years Placement Officer at Milton Keynes Council, informing them of any absences that fall below 63% per term (block). If a child attending the Nursery attendance should fall below **63%** in a term, the shortfall will need to be met by the parents.

## Safeguarding



**Safeguarding:**

At Fairfield's Primary School, Safeguarding and Child Protection is paramount and we are fully committed to ensuring the welfare and safety of all our children and expect all staff and volunteers share this commitment.

We believe that all pupils have a right to learn in a supportive, caring and safe environment which includes the right to protection from all types of abuse; where staff are vigilant for signs of any pupil in distress and are confident about applying the processes to avert and alleviate any such problems.

## When can my child start Social Networking?

As a parent, it is important you know that all social networking platforms have age limits. Some social network sights use technologies that may not be right for some ages or they engage with communities that are made up of people much older than your child. Please see diagram for age restrictions.



## Staying involved with school: Rights of separated parents



Having children and being separated from their mother or father isn't uncommon. This can, however, be a very worrying time for a lot of people when it comes to staying involved in their child's education.

First and foremost, we will want to know who has parental responsibility for a child. Upon registration at the school we request a copy of the child's large birth certificate. Parents (who have parental responsibility) are entitled to share in the decisions that are made about their child and to be treated equally by schools. This includes matters such as:

- Admission decisions;
- Attendance at parent meetings / school events;

- Access to school records, reports, newsletters, invitations to school events etc;
- Copies of school photographs;
- Information about school trips; and
- Decisions about suspension or exclusion.

We do not have the power to act on the request of one parent to restrict the other parent's involvement. We will only do so if there is a specific court order.

It is often assumed that the parent with whom the child principally lives, will keep the other parent informed. Unfortunately, this does not always happen. Please let us know if you would like separate communication. We have an "open door policy" so this is also a good way to voice concerns in the first instance.

## Pastoral Support:







At Fairfield's Primary School we are passionate about making a difference. We want everyone to feel safe, welcome and supported.

We are very lucky to have Cura Room for the children and parents/carers. This room provides a safe place where children feel they are listened to, valued and can also provide support for emotional and physical wellbeing along with a place where parents/carers can come and share their thoughts or concerns. We build trusting relationships with all of our pupils and their families irrespective of their background. Sometimes we will work with external agencies to support our children and families. In these situations, we ensure that a confidential, professional and non-judgmental and sensitive service is provided. Some children find it difficult to come into school first thing of a morning and the Cura Room provides that space for the child to prepare themselves and be in the right frame of mind ready to start learning.

## Parking



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*We are still seeing several parents who are ignoring the double yellow lines part of the way along Apollo Avenue. Despite letters from the children and reminders from the school it has saddened us all to hear that some parents have adopted the attitude that they are not policed therefore it is okay to park there! The double yellow lines have been put there to improve safety for all our children and families and we kindly ask that you respect this and use the car park when dropping off and collecting your child(ren).*

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## This Weeks Reminders



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### ***Lost Property:***

*We have a lot of lost property in reception.*

*Please can you ensure all children's clothes, water bottles and lunch boxes **are labelled**.*

*When an item becomes lost it is easy to return to the correct person if it has a name on it, last term we had a lot of unnamed lost property, we would like to return as much as possible to its owners.*

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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 is dangerous for children accessing the premises.

## School Meals



**At Fairfield's Primary School we are delighted to be able to offer children a wide, varied and nutritious menu, which will change on a termly basis to ensure that we continue to offer a variety of choices.**

From the 19th of April 2022, Fairfield's partnered with The Pantry, the new school meal provider. They are an independently owned business and proudly partner with around sixty schools! They are known for delivering the highest standards of school food.

We would like to take this opportunity to introduce ourselves, The Pantry, as Fairfield's school meal provider.

The Pantry are an independently-owned business, whose journey started as a sandwich shop on Hayes High Street in 2006. Now we proudly partner with around sixty schools as a full-service catering provider, and are renowned across our industry for delivering the highest standards of school food, supported by the most innovative technology systems.

The Pantry will provide your child's lunchtime meals via our meal ordering system. We develop our delicious and nutritious menu's, ensuring all The Pantry's ingredients come from the very best, traceable sources. From Red Tractor meat served as standard, to RSPCA-assured eggs and a host of organic ingredients on our menu, your child will be eating fresh, sustainable, and high-quality meals each and every day.

All children in Key Stage 1 (Reception, Year 1, and Year 2) are entitled to a free lunch under the Universal Infant Free School Meal Programme.

Children in Key Stage 2 (Year 3,4,5 and 6) will need to top up funds in their Pantry account, to place an order at the cost of £2.60 per meal

### **Menu**

We pride ourselves on offering classic dishes we know your pupils will love with a Pantry twist.

Our Pantry menu's have a choice of a meat option, vegetarian option, 2 jacket potato options and 3 sandwich options everyday. You will also have the option to pick between the pudding option of the day or fresh fruit.

We are committed to encouraging pupils to make healthy choices for their lunch, all pupils have unlimited access to our delicious salad bar, which is free for the 14 main allergens.

### **How To Order**

Pantry lunches can be ordered using our meal ordering system.

Once your account is set up, you can log in using your individual pupil ID to book your children a Pantry lunch. Fairfield's has a 9am cut off to book, cancel and amend any orders.

Please see the How To Order document for a step by step guide on how to order lunches and top up your Pantry account.

If you require any further assistance, our Customer Service Team are on hand to assist. If you have any questions or queries, contact our Customer Service Team Monday to Friday 7.30am to 5pm on **020 8813 7040**, or email [office@thepantrycatering.co.uk](mailto:office@thepantrycatering.co.uk).

### **Frequently Asked Questions**

Please see our responses to our most common Frequently Asked Questions."

## What's been happening at Fairfield's Primary

### Superhero day



On Friday 2nd December we took part in 'Be a Superhero for the Day'! The purpose of the day is to help raise funds for the tiniest patients at Milton Keynes University Hospital. We raised an amazing **£360.00**.

All money raised goes towards a new BabyLeo incubator on the neonatal unit at the Hospital. To raise awareness of World Prematurity Day (nationally on 17th Nov) we held a non-uniform day, where the children chose to have the chance to dress up as a superhero.



## Fire Brigade Visits



Year 2 were delighted to have a surprise visit from the fire brigade last Thursday (3rd Nov) as an exciting start to our topic 'who started the fire?' The children had the opportunity to view a fire truck and see all of the different equipment that is used to fight fires and help people. The children also got to see a fire fighter's uniform and ask lots of questions.

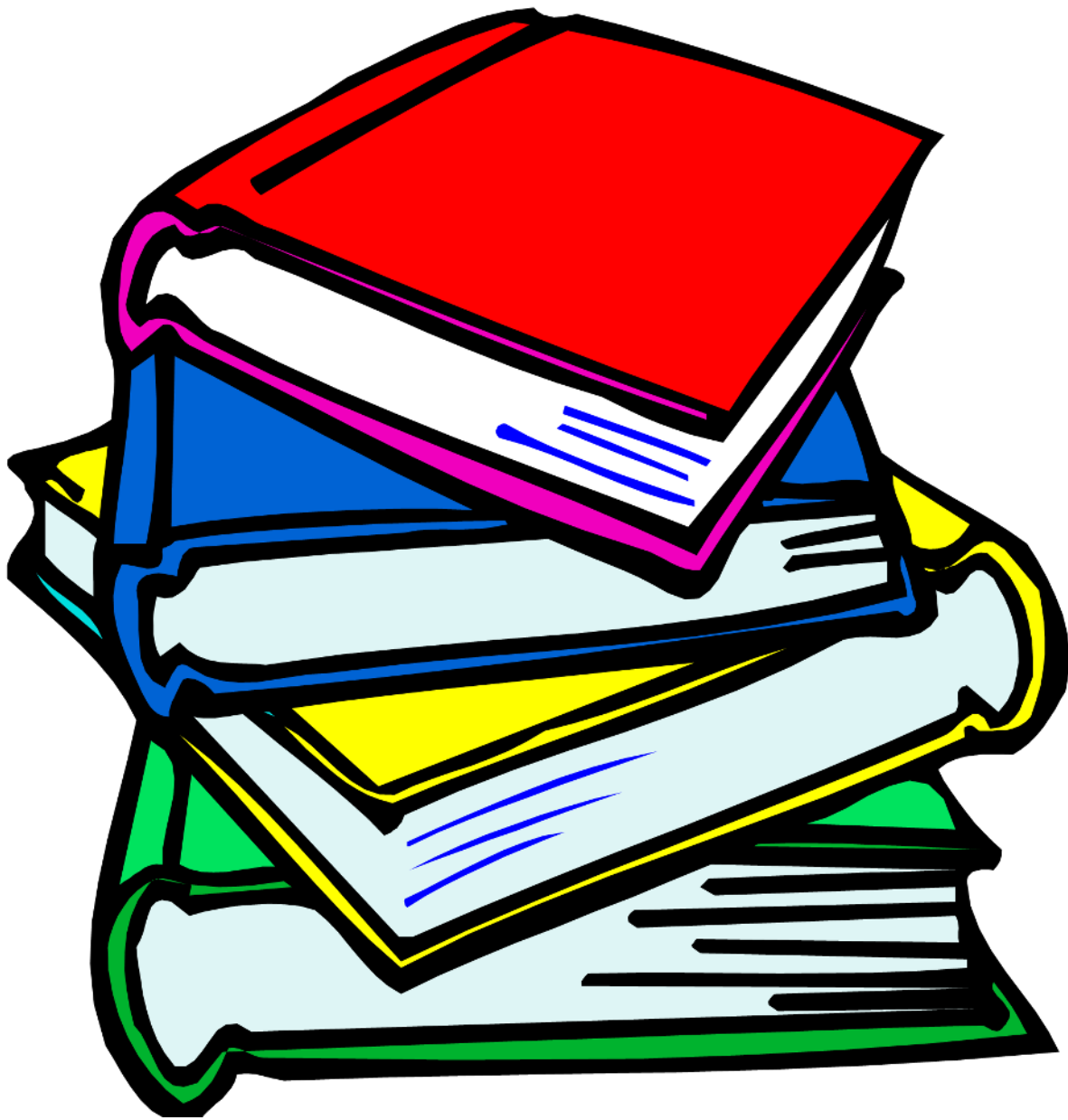
## Children in Need – Friday 18th November



Our families, parents and carers donated **£209** to Children in Need via Parent Mail and this goes directly into Pudsey's bank account. A huge thank you to everyone.



## Book fair in school – 25th November



Thank you to everyone who attended our Travelling Book Fair.

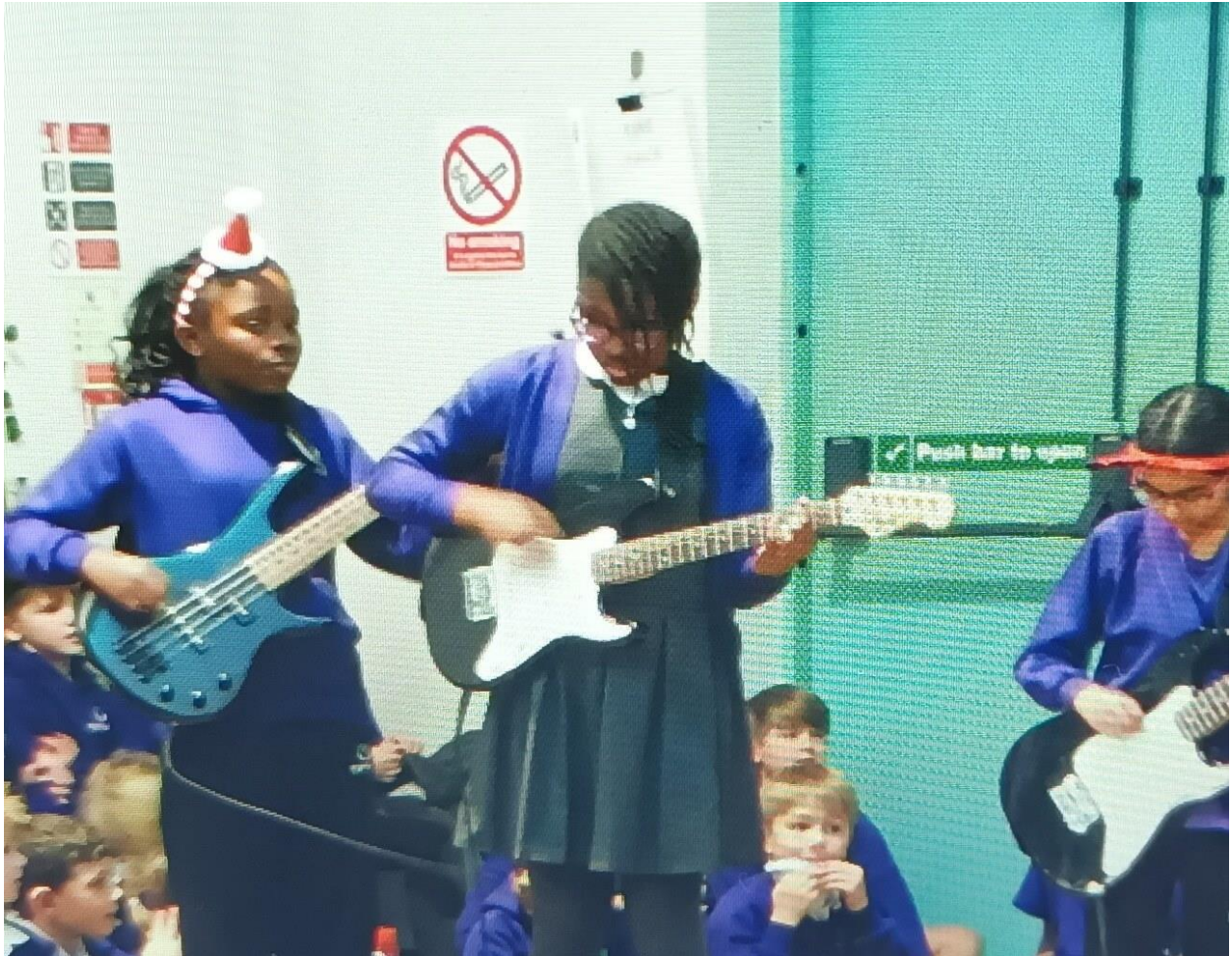
Together we have raised **£755.77** for our school to spend on **FREE BOOKS**

## Fairfields Christmas Market and Raffle – Saturday 26th November

What a wonderful Christmas Market we held on the 26th of November. A huge thank you to all our lovely stall holders for hosting. There were a variety of different stalls including cakes, festive

refreshments, tombola, Christmas gift, crafts, raffle and Avon just to name a few. What a huge success and we cannot wait for next year's event. We raised an amazing £2,140.

## Rocksteady Christmas Showcase – Tuesday 6th December



WOW! What a performance our children put on for our Rocksteady Christmas show. Playing on stage is a huge confidence booster. With termly concerts at school assemblies, the children can show off their progress to friends, teachers and parents with the rest of their band. We absolutely loved it!

## Year 6 Trip (Bletchley Park) – Thursday 8th December



On Thursday the 8th of December our year 6 children got to visit Bletchley Park to learn all about the once top-secret home of the codebreakers. The home of British codebreaking and a birthplace of modern information technology. Enigma Machine. The children had a wonderful informative day.



## Christmas Film Night (Reception-Y6) – Thursday 8th December



We held a successful Christmas film night, a huge thank you to our staff for making this happen. We hope the children enjoyed it as much as we did.

## Christmas Performances



Nursery Christmas Sing Song – Monday 12th December

Reception Nativity Performance – Tuesday 13th December

Year Two Christmas Performance – Wednesday 14th December

## Christmas Dinner Lunch - Friday 9th December





Every day is a little lifetime. Make  
As we journey together, we will learn to tread confidently  
We are individual and unique but together we are complete. We will  
fields Primary School, we will learn to have the courage to pursue our dreams  
an open mind and an honest heart, we will break through the obstacles  
is what makes us triumphant, not  
Today is your day! Believe in yourself! Achieve

Heads up - January 19th Census day Menu 2023



# January 2023 Census Day Menu

## Margherita Pizza

With Seasoned Wedges

## Pasta with Tomato Sauce

Optional Grated Cheese

## Chocolate Cake

Baked Potato and Sandwich options available upon request

## Fairfields Breakfast & Afterschool Club



- Due to its success B&A wraparound care is already full and now has a waiting list. Planning to recruit more staff to enable us to increase numbers. If you want to be added to waiting list please collect a registration form from Reception.
- We accept HMRC tax free and salary sacrifice childcare vouchers for B&A club and additional Nursery hours fees only, as per conditions of the providers.
- Please contact us direct at [finance@fairfieldsprimary.co.uk](mailto:finance@fairfieldsprimary.co.uk) for more information.
- Use Parent Mail for all club bookings, future extra-curricular club bookings, Nursery fees, trips or events booking and payments. Cannot accept cash payments for any of these.

## Fairfields Lines of Communication







### **Lines of communication**

From time to time you may have questions, concerns or queries regarding your child. Should this be the case please speak to your child's Class Teacher in the first instance as they work with your child every day and are the people who know them best. It may not always be possible to have in depth conversations with them at the beginning of the day when they are welcoming the children in but they are more than happy to arrange a time to meet with you or call you to discuss your concerns or answer any questions you may have.

Should you have further concerns then you may wish to speak to the Key Stage Lead. Our Key Stage Leads are as follows:

**Mrs Castle – Early Years – Nursery & Reception**

**Miss Waller – Key Stage 1 – Year 1 & 2**

**Miss Wilson – Lower Key Stage 2 – Year 3 & 4**

**Mr Kynaston – Upper Key Stage 2 – Year 5 & 6**

## Pupil Premium



### Pupil Premium

Parents and carers who receive certain benefits may be eligible for either Pupil Premium funding or Free School Meals.

You must be in receipt of one of the below benefits to be eligible for free school meals for your child/children.

Income Support

Employment & Support Allowance – Income related

Income Based Job Seekers Allowance (**not Contribution Based JSA**)

Child Tax Credit only (with a combined family income of less than £16,190 per annum as assessed by HM Revenues & Customs) **Please note, anyone receiving Working Tax Credit, regardless of income, will not qualify for free school meals.**

Working Tax Credit run-on - paid four weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit



Universal Credit - if you apply on or after 1 April 2018 your household income must be less than £7,400 a year (after tax and not including any benefits you receive)

National Asylum Seekers Support (NASS)

Guaranteed Element of Pension Tax Credit

Please contact the school office for details of how to apply.

## Bees Knees Awards

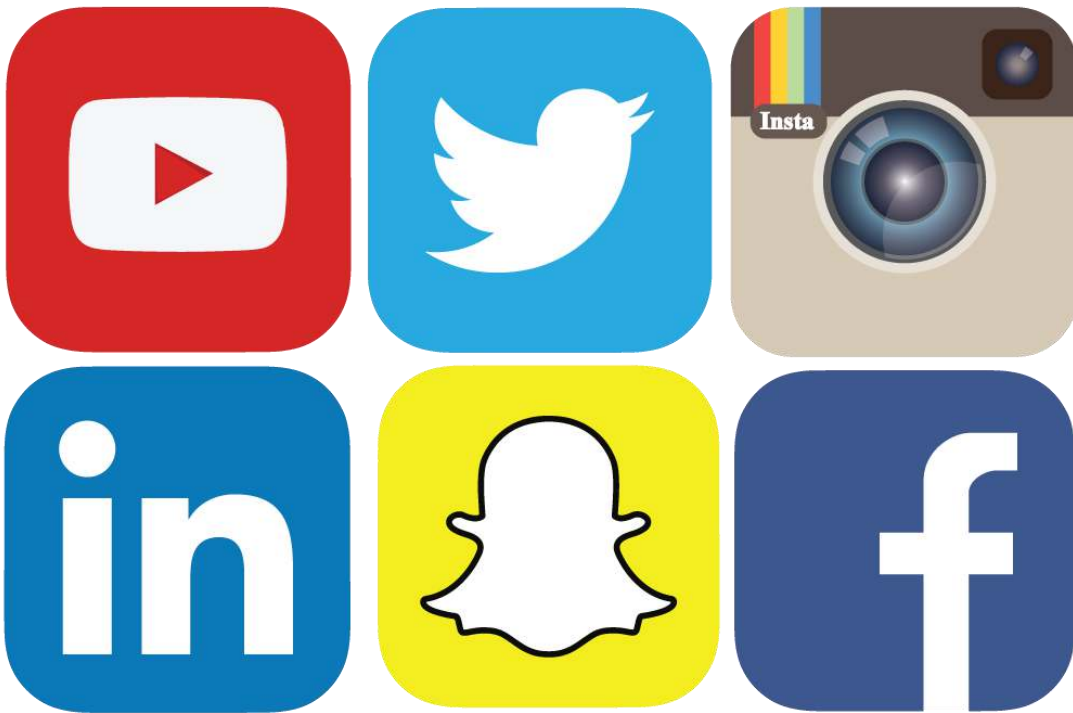


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*We look forward to seeing you this week celebrate our Bees Knees.*

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