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The Newsletter of Fairisle Junior School

Thank You So Much Tracy

Every so often we unearth an absolute gem and we were so lucky with one of those gems when Tracy Silsbury came to work in our school office at the end of April 2014. It is now time for Tracy to move on and she is more than ready for the next stage in her career. Today Tracy leaves us to move to St Mark's C.E. Primary School in Shirley, a really exciting venture as they will soon become the first through primary and secondary school in the city.

During her time in our school, Tracy has worked on so many areas within the admin office, leading on attendance, providing first aid cover for our school, working on the DfE Free School Meal voucher scheme and, of course, ensuring that all the children get the correct lunch every day! We will all miss her hugely and I would like to take this opportunity to thank Tracy on behalf of all our children and families for all her hard work and smiles over the past six years and wish her all the very best for the future.



SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Health & Safety Update

Thank you very much to everyone who has engaged with us by using the NHS Test and Trace App to check in. This is part of the government guidance that states schools should engage with the app.

Please do not tailgate cars using the car park entrance to use the vehicle gates in the mornings and afternoons. All our systems have the health, safety and welfare of our children, families and hard working staff at their heart.

We are so proud of the way all the children have settled back into school this term and I would like to congratulate every single one of them on their positive work ethic and their brilliant attitudes towards being in school.

I would also like to thank parents for their many kind comments about how reassured they feel regarding the many ways we are keeping everyone safe.



Winter School Lunch Menu

I am still holding discussions with City Catering Southampton regarding the lunch menu after half term and there are currently a number of options open to us as the colder weather sets in. We will be talking with the children about the options and then making a decision about the menus after half term very shortly.



Southampton City Council Admissions Department have asked me to remind all Year 6 parents that applications are now open for parents to apply for a secondary school place for September 2021. This year, there are **four** choices available and the Local Authority has asked me to inform parents that they should use **all** the choices. This year's application round closes at 2359 on 31 October (the second Saturday of the half term holiday).

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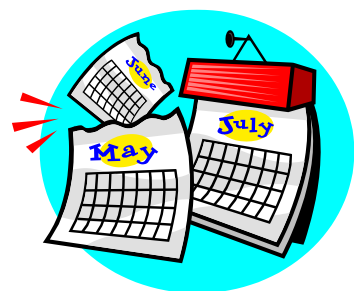


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SOME DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

On the front page of our new website www.fjslive.net is our school calendar. We will keep this up to date so you can see it at anytime.

Friday 23 October	Diwali Day in Year 4 Children break up for half term
Monday 2 November	INSET Day - Fairisle Schools closed
Tuesday 3 November	Children return to school
Friday 6 November	Whole School Flu Immunisations
Wednesday 11 November	Remembrance Assembly
Monday 7 December	Year 5 day visits to Stubbington
Monday 14 December	Virtual Christmas Hat Parade
Tuesday 15 December	Christmas Craft Day
Wednesday 16 December	Christmas Lunch (Free for all children)
Thursday 17 December	Class Bubble Christmas Parties
Friday 18 December	School closes for Christmas Holiday
Monday 4 January 2021	Children return to school



This Week's Virtual Open Evening

Thank you very much for the positive feedback we have received following this week's phone calls home from class teachers. We found that they took rather longer than we had originally thought and so some teachers needed several evenings to get a chance to chat with everyone.

Where the facility existed, teachers left an answerphone message if the phone did not get picked up. If your child's class teacher missed you this week, please get in touch with the school office and we will arrange a mutually convenient time to call again.

Charity Collection Days

We support a number of different charities each year. The children decided not to raise money for the National televised events as they feel these charities already raise an enormous amount of money each year.

Last year, there were three charities that we were unable to support due to the lockdown:

Purple Day for Epilepsy
Leukaemia Busters
National Eczema society

Next Friday we will be holding a non-uniform day for Leukaemia Busters. Thank you for your support.

Remote Learning and Home Learning Packs

Our home learning packs are now being used by children if they have to self isolate and they are unable to attend school. They form part of our remote learning strategy and include:

- Links to high quality material to our school curriculum expectations;
- Assessment opportunities and the provision of meaningful feedback;
- Resources for children who do not have ready access to the internet;
- Paper copies for children who are unable to access remote learning without adult support.

We will be using some of the online lessons from Oak Academy, White Rose Maths, BBC Bite Size, TTRS as well as material that is aligned to teaching in each year group. If this happens to your child, rest assured we will contact you so you know exactly how the system works.

School Closures — Monday 2nd November and Friday 12th February

On Monday 2nd November and Friday 12th February 2021 (the days after the October half term break and before February half term) both the Fairisle Schools will be closed for staff training.

Please would you ensure you keep us up to date with any changes to your contact details.