

# FAIRISLE TIMES

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## The Newsletter of Fairisle Junior School



### We're SO Proud of all our Children!

Although we have only been back at school for a couple of weeks, we are very proud of how everyone has settled back into school. Everyone looks brilliant in their uniform and I would like to thank all families for getting the children organised for the term ahead.

A particular congratulations to all our Year 3 children, who have really amazed us with their maturity as well as their determination to succeed.

### Safety in PE Lessons

Thank you very much to everyone who remembered that the children should not wear earrings and should tie long hair back on their PE days in order to stay as safe as possible. It is very important, especially for gymnastics and dance, but also obviously for outside games, that the children do not wear anything that might injure them if they fall/slip/trip etc.

Thank you very much indeed for your help with this.

### Be In It to Win It — School Attendance Matters!

Despite the heat last week, attendance was almost 96%, with 3DM, 3EC, 4HH, 4WO and 6CT with 100% 'perfect' attendance throughout the week. Well done everyone.

Every half term, we will have an 'In It to Win It' day for all the children in school on the day. Last year, we had 6 of these days and the children remember the Escape Room, the pantomime, the bouncy castles and the magic show. Last Friday, we decided to hold a 'bonus' Be In It to Win It day, when we provided Ice Poles and Ice Lollies for all children and staff. Thanks to Mr Hayes for sorting over 400 lollies!



Improving attendance is one of the targets in this year's School Improvement Plan. We are also looking to decrease the number of late children each day (and therefore the amount of lost learning) and increase the number of children who receive prizes at the end of the year.

### School Closures for INSET Days 2023-24

On Monday 30th October, Friday 9th February and Friday 28th June 2024 (the day after the October half term break and before the February half term) both the Fairisle Schools will be closed for staff training.

All schools and academies have 5 staff training days each year.

Southampton Admissions Department have asked me to remind all Year 6 parents that the system is now open for you to apply for a secondary school place for September 2024. This year, there are **four** choices available and **all** the choices should be used. This year's application round closes on 31st October (the day we return from the half term holiday). Staff from Southampton Admissions will be visiting us on Thursday 5th October from 0930 until 1030 to help parents complete the online application form.

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## SOME DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

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

Tuesday 26 September	Individuals & Siblings Photographs
Thursday 28 September	Learning Leaders to Holy Family Primary
Thursday 12 October	Harvest Festival
Tuesday 17 October	Year 5 to Winchester Science Centre
Friday 20 October	Children break up for half term
Monday 30 October	INSET Day - Fairisle Schools closed
Tuesday 31 October	Children return to school
Friday 3 November	Whole School Flu Immunisations
Friday 10 November	Remembrance Assembly
Tuesday 14 November	Year 4 visit Fishbourne Palace
Tuesday 5 December	Year 3 Music Performance (TBC)
Wednesday 6 December	Year 4 Music Performance (TBC)
Tuesday 12 December	Christmas Production (0915 and 1400)
Wednesday 13 December	Christmas Craft Day
Thursday 14 December	Christmas Lunch (Free for all children)
Friday 15 December	Class Christmas Parties
Tuesday 2 January 2024	School closes for Christmas Holiday
	Children return to school



## Head Girl & Boy, House Captains and Learning Leaders 2023 — 2024

Our Year 6 children put their names forward for the role of House Captain last week and the staff had the very difficult job of voting for a boy and girl in each house. Our new Head Girl is Ellie and our Head Boy is Jack, and their deputies are Lucy and Johnboy. It was a pleasure to announce the winners and present the children with their badges.



### Congratulations to our House Captains 2023-2024:

<b>Itchen</b>	Maisie and Nathan
<b>Woodmill</b>	Phoebe and Caleb
<b>Cobden</b>	Holly and Layton
<b>Northam</b>	Macey and Anashe



The children have also voted in their classes for their Learning Leader representative. This was a democratic vote involving the children each completing their own voting slip and placing it into voting box. All the votes were counted and we revealed our new Learning Leaders in assembly. They are all keen to relish this responsibility.



### Congratulations to our Learning Leaders 2023-2024:

Year 3:	Ronnie, Natalia and Jack
Year 4:	Jeff, Isla, Rosie and Daniel
Year 5:	Finley, Amelia and Olivia-Faith
Year 6:	Archie, Jack, Louis and Nathan

Miss Bessey has already met the new Learning Leader team and they have started to plan for a children's disco later this term as well as some charity days which will take place through the year. Watch this space as well as our school calendar on the front page of our calendar for further details!

## Times Tables Rockstars & Spelling Shed

We have reset all the children's passwords and updated their planners with their login details for TTRS and Spelling Shed. Enjoy sharing these with your children — they will really help them to learn their tables and spell those tricky words!



Please would you ensure you keep us up to date with any changes to your contact details, especially your email address and mobile numbers. Thank you.