

FAIRISLE TIMES

The Newsletter of Fairisle Junior School

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Attendance Update

So far this year our whole school attendance is 94.9%.

This year our school target is to have attendance of at least 95%.

We now have a team of three colleagues working on school attendance:



Mr Robin Hayes
Assistant Headteacher
(Welfare & Inclusion)



Mrs Shirley Payne
Admin Assistant &
Attendance Officer



Mrs Zoe Wakefield
Inclusion Support
Assistant

If you would like any support around school attendance please let one of us know.

We can help by:

- ◆ Speaking with your child about any worries around school and trying to get them resolved.
- ◆ Helping with morning or evening routines.
- ◆ Referring to external agencies that may be able to support your family.
- ◆ Advising on managing any medical needs at school.
- ◆ Helping you make a decision on whether your child can attend school that day.

We will include further attendance updates in our newsletters to parents as the year progresses. Don't forget our attendance celebrations each half term will be taking place for all children in school on the day. You have to Be In It to Win It!

Photograph Update

As you know, the school photographer visited us earlier this week. We are still waiting for all the proofs to be returned but they will go to parents as soon as they are back with us. The photographer was VERY impressed with our children's behaviour throughout the day.

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 next **Thursday 5th October** from 0930 until 1030 for a coffee morning to provide help for parents completing the online application form.

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Park



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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.

Thursday 5 October 0930
 Tuesday 10 — Thursday 12 October
 Thursday 12 October
 Tuesday 17 October
 Friday 20 October
 Monday 30 October
 Tuesday 31 October

Friday 3 November
 Friday 10 November
 Tuesday 14 November
 Wednesday 15 November

Tuesday 5 December
 Wednesday 6 December
 Tuesday 12 December
 Wednesday 13 December
 Thursday 14 December

Friday 15 December

Tuesday 2 January 2024

Monday 15 — Friday 19 January

Year 6 Admissions Coffee Morning
 Year 3 classes local visit (Letter to follow)
 Harvest Festival
 Year 5 to Winchester Science Centre
 Children break up for half term
 INSET Day - Fairisle Schools closed
 Children return to school
 Year 6 Secondary Admissions close

Whole School Flu Immunisations
 Remembrance Assembly
 Year 4 visit Fishbourne Palace
 Parents' Evening Work Share

Year 3 Music Performance (TBC)
 Year 4 Music Performance (TBC)
 Christmas Production (0915 and 1400)
 Christmas Craft Day
 Christmas Lunch (Free for all children)
 Class Christmas Parties
 School closes for Christmas Holiday

Children return to school

Year 5 Residential Visit to Stubbington



New Arrival at Fairisle Junior!

This week our new minibus arrived at school. It does look very similar to our previous model but we are really looking forward to using it to take our sports teams to fixtures, as well as making short trips around the city. Our Year 3 children will get the opportunity to use it when they go out in the local area in a couple of weeks.

If you are around and about in the local area, keep a look out for our new bus!



Parking Around the School — Please Help Us!

Please remember that you should park away from the streets around the school, including in Fairisle Road, Starboard Way, Malin Close and Orkney Close. I am also aware that there have been issues on the other side of Lordshill Way in and around Andromeda Road.

You should use the Sainsbury's Car Park, which has a direct and safe link via the subway to the school gate on the far side of our field.



Please be respectful to our neighbours and never park across people's driveways or in the residents' spaces in the local area. Parking badly for even a few minutes is just not acceptable.

Thank you very much for your help and support with this important issue.

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.