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The Newsletter of Fairisle Junior School

A Catch Up from the Learning Leaders

Charities

At our first meeting, we discussed which charities we want to support and how we would raise the money. The charities that we will support are set out below. We will hold non-uniform days to raise the money.

Simon Says - **20th October 2023**

Dylan's Quest - **8th February 2024**

Crazy Hair Day for Brain Tumour Research – **28th March 2024**

Heartbeat (Wessex Cardiac Unit) – **24th May 2024**



At Fairisle Junior School, we support a lot of different charities each year. Together, we have decided not to raise money for 'Children in Need,' 'Sports Relief,' and 'Comic Relief' as these charities raise an enormous amount of money each year. We have discussed this in one of our assemblies and we found out that nearly all of us contribute to these charities anyway with our families.

The charities that we have picked to raise money for are not so well supported and need our help.

School Discos

There will be a disco next **Tuesday, 17th October**. All funds raised from the disco will go towards resources for our school. These are not Halloween discos but the children are more than welcome to dress up. There will be crisps and sweets to buy at the disco. Please bring change. **Entry is 50p, payable on the door.**

The children are to enter the disco by the office doors. Please take the children's coats home with you. You will collect the children from the back of the hall.

Years 3 & 4 = 4:00-5:00pm

Years 5 & 6 = 5:15-6:15pm

No children are to walk home by themselves

Thank you very much for all your help and support during the year.

Best wishes from

Ronnie, Natalia and Jack (Year 3)

Jeff, Isla, Rosie and Daniel (Year 4)

Finley, Amelia and Olivia-Faith (Year 5)

Archie, Jack, Louis and Nathan (Year 6)

Attendance Update

Very well done to the following classes, who have had over 96.5% attendance this week:

3DM, 3EC, 4MT, 4RW, 5BP, 5KM, 6CT

A very special shout out to 6CT who have 100% attendance this week and to everyone in Classes 3EC, 4HH and 6CT who all have over 98% attendance since the start of this school year. Very well done and let's try to keep it up. Thank you for your support.

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.



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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.

Tuesday 17 October

Year 5 to Winchester Science Centre
School Discos — Years 3/4 4.00-5.00pm
Years 5/6 5.15-6.15pm

Friday 20 October

Children break up for half term

Monday 30 October

INSET Day - Fairisle Schools closed

Tuesday 31 October

Children return to school

Year 6 Secondary Admissions close

Friday 3 November

Whole School Flu Immunisations

Friday 10 November

Remembrance Assembly

Tuesday 14 November

Year 4 visit Fishbourne Palace

Wednesday 15 November

Parents' Evening Work Share

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)

Class Christmas Parties

School closes for Christmas Holiday

Friday 15 December

Tuesday 2 January 2024

Children return to school

Monday 15 — Friday 19 January

Year 5 Residential Visit to Stubbington



Chris Lubbe Visits Fairisle Junior

On Wednesday morning, Chris Lubbe came to our school. He was once Nelson Mandela's bodyguard and he came to speak to the children in Years 5 and 6 about his experiences of growing up in South Africa under apartheid. Messages of positive change, forgiveness and the importance and power of education were delivered through an incredibly inspiring talk.

'Sawubona' (I see you) and the importance of not being a bystander — together we can beat racism and discrimination and make a better world!



Outstanding Payments to School

At Fairisle Junior School, we aim to provide many trips and visits for our children to enhance their learning. In order for these to take place we rely on payments from parents. We recognise the pressures that many families are under and recently have reviewed and prioritised which trips and visits are most necessary. We heavily subsidise all trips for our children. However, were it not for your financial support we would be in a position of having to cancel these opportunities.

We accept online payments via SCOPAY or in person at the school office by cash, cheque or contactless. For larger payments (e.g. residential trips) we can set up a payment plan of instalments. However, the full balance for these must be cleared before the trip takes place. We have an obligation to pay City Catering for all school meals. If we do not receive payment from parents, we have to fund this from our school's budget which takes away from all our children.

Thank you to the overwhelming number of parents who make all payments to our school in a timely manner. Finally, if you are experiencing any financial difficulties, please do make contact with me confidentially. I will write giving further details to all parents after the weekend.