

FAIRISLE TIMES

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World Book Day at Fairisle Junior

What a fantastic World Book Day we had yesterday. One of the highlights was our book quiz that we held in each year group which resulted in 4 winners, who each received a book and a certificate for their class. A massive thank to everyone who donated to our book swap! It was a great success and it was wonderful to see our children selecting books and truly embracing the joy of reading. There was a real buzz on the playground (from both children and adults) and we couldn't have asked for a better day. Let's continue to nurture a love of books across our school.



Stubbington Study Centre — Update

Our work to try to save Stubbington Study Centre for future generations of our children continues. The petition on change.org closed with almost 20,000 signatures and yesterday morning some of our group spoke at the meeting of the Hampshire 2050 Committee, the first major hurdle in our fight to keep the centre open. The meeting lasted about 5 hours and at the end there was a unanimous vote against the plan to close the centre.

We were extremely proud of the outcome and I will be providing a deputation at the meeting of the full cabinet of Hampshire County Council on Tuesday 18th March and hope for the same outcome where councillors will make a final decision on the issue. We have everything crossed!

Thank you to everyone who signed the petition and I will update you again in my next newsletter.

For further information on our campaign, please also have a look at our website www.stubbybiscuit.co.uk.



SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Please
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Considerately

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

SOME DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

On the front page of our school website www.fjslive.net is our school calendar. We keep this up to date so you can see it at anytime. Don't forget to follow our school 'X' feed for our daily lunch menu, as well as up to date information about our school ([@FairisleJS](https://twitter.com/FairisleJS)).

Wednesday 19th March
Friday 4th April

Year 5 Clay Viking Head Workshop
Non School Uniform Day for Neo Natal
Last day of Term

Tuesday 22nd April
Friday 25th April
Tuesday 29th April

School re-opens for the Summer Term
Year 4 visit to Marwell Zoo
Class Photographs

Monday 5th May
Monday 12th — Thursday 15th May
Thursday 22nd May
Friday 23rd May

School closed for Bank Holiday
Year 6 SATs Week
Year 4 Fish & Chip Supper
Last day of Half Term



Monday 2nd June
Thursday 5th June
Friday 6th June
Tuesday 10th June
Thursday 12th June
Monday 16th — Friday 27th June
Monday 16th, Tuesday 17th & Thursday 19th June

School re-opens for Summer (2)
Year 3 Sports Evening
Sports Day (to be confirmed)
City Athletics
Music Fest (Letter to Follow)
Year 3 Swimming Lessons at Oaklands (Letter to follow)
Year 4 visits to Beaulieu (Letter to Follow)

Wednesday 2nd July
Thursday 3rd July
Friday 4th July
Tuesday 15th & Wednesday 16th July
Thursday 17th July 2.00pm
Friday 18th July
Monday 21st July
Tuesday 22nd July

Children meet their new Teachers
Non School Uniform Day (Make a Wish)
The Fairisle Schools Closed for Staff Training Day
Year 6 visits to Calshot
Year 6 Leavers' Assembly
Year 6 to Paultons Park
Year 6 Leavers' Party
Last Day of Term

Wednesday 3rd September
Thursday 4th September

The Fairisle Schools closed for Staff Training
Children return to School

Our School Improvement Officer Visit to FJS

On Wednesday, Mark Lindfield, our School Improvement Officer, spent the day in our school. Before the day, he had read our School Improvement Plan and our evaluation of where we feel we are as leaders, along with reports and minutes from the Governing Body. During the day, he spent time in classrooms looking at teaching and learning, he spoke with lots of children about their lives at school, he looked through children's books, met with safeguarding leads and our inclusion team, spoke with Governors about their work and leaders about attendance and punctuality.

At the end of a very long day, he fed back to Governors and Leaders. He said there are so many things we are doing well and that it was good to be able to say well done to our team. He could see from children's books how we are making adaptations to ensure that everyone achieves as well as they can and he told us he could see how we have made clear progress since our last OfSTED inspection in 2023. He said our Year 6 children were able to have conversations with him at a really deep level that 'doesn't happen often' and that what children told him shows the strong relationships that exist in our school between children and our staff.

We can't wait to receive Mark's full report.

MUGA Update

It's starting to look really exciting out on the bottom field as work on our new Multi Use Games Area has begun. Yesterday, the Sports Leaders and I met the Project Manager and it's fair to say we were all impressed with the work so far. About 3 weeks of work to go!

