

# FAIRISLE TIMES

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## The Newsletter of Fairisle Junior School

### What A Year!

I am trying to come up with a few words to describe the year we have all lived through and the most important thing I can do is to thank every single child, family and staff colleague for all your support, help and hard work throughout the year, which has been such a challenge for all of us in so many ways.

Our children have been brilliant. You have shown courage, determination and grit towards every aspect of school and all our staff are so proud of how you have adapted to the ever changing world of remote learning and shifting isolation! We can't believe that our Year 6 children are leaving us today, and although we are sad to see you go, we are excited for what the future holds for all of you and we are confident that you will continue to grow and excel in all you do. Never forget to keep learning, have fun, be kind and live with a smile!

I also want to write a paragraph about our staff, as I am so proud of every single member of our Fairisle Junior team; the way you have also changed how you work to fit in with the rigours of remote teaching and how you have never let any of the challenges we have all faced get you down or prevent you from looking for innovative ways of getting on with the job while never losing your ability to laugh!

Today we say good-bye to Laura Milford, who has been with us since September 2014 and leaves us to spend more time with her young family, and Emma Tiley who has supported learning in Year 6 this year who is leaving to take up a post in Winchester. Thank you to both colleagues for everything you have done for our children.

### Reading Awards — Summer 2021

One of the constants throughout the year has been the ability for children to read at home and earn their books from the vending machine. During this week it has been a real pleasure to give **167 children** their tokens and sign their chosen books over to them. Very well done to you all and I look forward to filling the machine again next term.



### Head Girl and Boy 2021-22

First of all I would like to thank Poppy, Oliver, Evie and Lucas for all their support and hard work during this bizarre year. Some of the decisions you have made will have positive long-term benefits for our school going forward. It's always good to have you as my 'go-to' people to provide reasonable and timely advice, even if we have not been able to meet in the same room this year! I have been very proud to work with you and you will be a really hard act to follow.

Last Friday our prospective Head Girls and Boys addressed the school over Zoom in celebration assembly and then everyone voted for their preferred candidates. I would like to congratulate all the candidates for putting themselves forward in tricky circumstances and I can now reveal the election winners:

Head Girl:	Angel Sexton	Head Boy:	Jaiden Winship
Deputy Head Girl:	Olivia Harris	Deputy Head Boy:	Daniel Bonney

Usually the new post holders receive their badges from their current colleagues, but for obvious reasons we are unable to do this. We will present them in the first week back in September. Very well done to the four of you.



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## Dates for the Diary

NOTE: Some dates are dependant on the Government's Covid Roadmap. Please check our Twitter feed and school website at [www.fjslive.net](http://www.fjslive.net).

Thursday 2nd & Friday 3rd September  
Monday 6th September

Staff Training Days — The Fairisle Schools Closed  
Children Return to School

Monday 18th — Friday 22nd October  
Monday 6th—Friday 10th December

Year 6: Little Canada & Little Fairisle  
Year 5 to Stubbington Study Centre

## Reminders for September

I know that the new school year will come around very quickly, particularly if the sun shines over the next few weeks.

On Monday 6th September, school will begin at the normal time for the children in Years 4, 5 and 6. The doors will open at 8.40am and everyone MUST be in class before 8.50 so that learning can begin promptly. School for all children ends at 3.15pm.

On the first morning only, we ask our new Year 3 children to start slightly later, at 9.30am, so that we can give an extra help to make sure everyone gets to their new classroom safely. We are so looking forward to seeing you. We will meet you on the playground at 9.30am.

Please ensure that ALL children wear full school uniform at all times. Everyone looks very smart and our uniform is part of being a member of our team. We are a no logo school and shoes must be plain black.



Next term, all the children will get two PE lessons each week. We do tell the children to bring their PE kit in every Monday and take it home at the end of the week to be washed, just in case things have to change at a moment's notice and nobody gets caught out! There will be NO PE on Monday 6th September, but Monday's sessions will move to Friday 10th for that week only.

PE Lessons (Autumn 2021)				
	Session 1		Session 2	
<b>Monday</b>	<b>Year 5</b>	9:10-10:30	<b>Year 4</b>	11:10-12:30
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Year 3</b>	9:10-10:30	<b>Year 6</b>	11:10-12:30
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Year 6</b>	9:10-10:30	<b>Year 3</b>	11:10-12:30
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Year 4</b>	9:10-10:30	<b>Year 5</b>	11:10-12:30

In the first week back, your child's Year Leader will send you the Curriculum Bulletin and more information about the organisation of the year group and how any required remote learning will operate next term. Obviously we hope we won't need to use it, but it will remain in place for any children who test positive. If government guidance changes before school re-starts, I will use our school website and our Twitter feed to communicate with you as I receive updates.

It only remains for me to wish every member of our school community a great summer break. We will re-charge our batteries and look forward to seeing you all in September. Keep safe.