

FAIRISLE TIMES

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The Newsletter of Fairisle Junior School

Congratulations to our Girls Football Team

Before the Christmas holiday, I wrote to parents congratulating our girls football team as they had won the Southampton 6-a-side football tournament and we were invited to represent Southampton at the Hampshire competition that took place on Tuesday this week.

I can now reveal that our team travelled to Portsmouth on Tuesday and they won the Hampshire competition, which means that we are County Champions and we will represent Hampshire in March at the South West England Regional Championships, where we will face teams from Cornwall, Dorset, Wiltshire, Avon and the Channel Islands.

It is 6 years since any of our teams participated at such a high level and we are extremely proud of our girls this year on their fantastic achievement. We all look forward to our big day and, of course, I will let you know how we get on.



SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Open Evening — Spring Term 2024

Thank you to those parents who provided feedback to us last term regarding our Parents' Evening Book Look. A number of parents told us that they would rather be able to make a specific appointment to meet their child's teacher, so we have decided that we will put this in place for this term's Open Evenings, which will take place after school on **Wednesday 21st and 28th February**.

We will write to you just before half term to let you know how you can book appointments to meet your teachers.

Year 6 Trip to Tudor House

On Monday, Year 6 visited Tudor House to find out more about Southampton during the Second World War. They took part in a workshop and had a fascinating tour of the old town to discover the impact that war had on the city. They explored the 'hidden' parts of Southampton, which included entering some of the underground vaults that were used as air raid shelters during the war. They also got to see the 'D-Day Wall' where American soldiers inscribed names before leaving the city to travel to France for the D-Day landings. It was a fascinating day that highlighted the vital role that Southampton played serving as a key port during wartime.



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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.

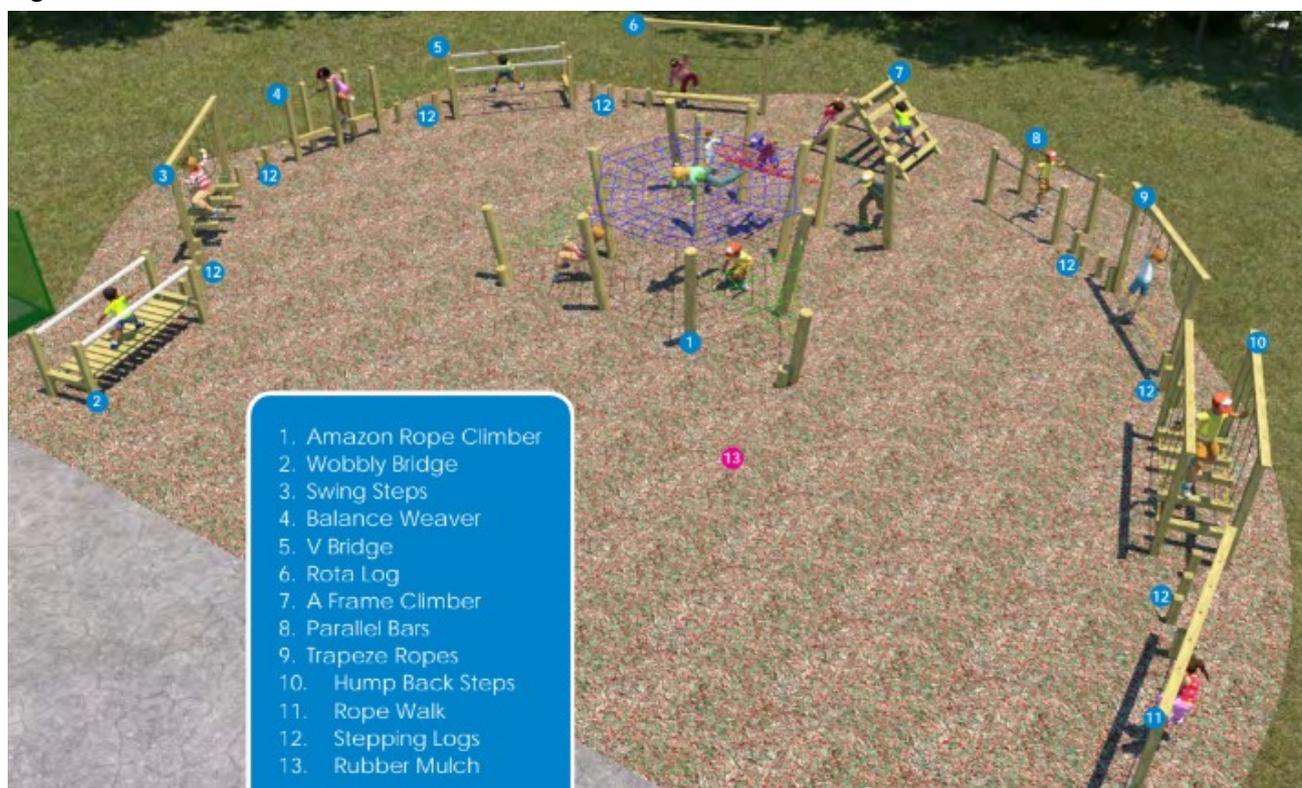
Monday 15 January	New Trim Trail Build Starts
Monday 15 — Friday 19 January	Year 5 Residential Visit to Stubbington
Tuesday 23 January	Year 4 to the Hindu Temple
Wednesday 31 January	Choir to Young Voices 2024
Thursday 1 February	Year 3 to Butser Farm
Thursday 8 February	Non-Uniform Day for Dylan's Quest
	School closes for February Half Term
Friday 9 February	The Fairisle Schools closed for Staff Training Day
Monday 19 February	Children return to school
Wednesday 21 and 28 February	Spring Term Parents' Evenings
Tuesday 26 March	Year 4 to Marwell Zoo
Thursday 28 March	Crazy Hair Day for Brain Tumour Research
	School Closes for Easter Holiday
Monday 15 April	Children return to School
Tuesday 30 April	Photographer in School — Class Photographs
Friday 24 May	Non-Uniform Day for Wessex Heartbeat (Cardiac Unit)

New Trim Trail — We're VERY Excited!

As you know, on Monday, the installation of our new Trim Trail will begin. I have now received all the pre-construction drawings and they have all been signed off so that the work can start.

The work should take just over 3 weeks, so by the time the groundworks, mulch, installation and surrounding fencing are all complete, we are looking at just after half term for everything to be ready for our children to use.

We can't wait for everything to be finished! Thank you once again to our Head Girl and Boy, and their Deputies, who have worked closely with me as well as the manufacturers, to get a final design that we believe our children will love to use.



During the current cold weather, please ensure that the children are wrapped up warm and that they bring a coat for break time and lunch time. Thank you very much.

Very best wishes to the Year 5 children and staff who will spend next week at Stubbington. You will have a fab time and I know you'll be wonderful ambassadors for FJS.