

# FAIRISLE TIMES

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## Stubbington 2024 — What a Success!

Last week, a large group of children from Year 5 and staff spent the week together at Stubbington Study Centre. We arrived on Monday morning and settled very quickly into the routines of being away. By the end of the first evening, we had started to learn the Dorm songs, eaten well and one of our groups had visited the hide and seen badgers as well as foxes! The children were tired by the end of the day and they slept unbelievably well (and so quickly, as well!).

On Tuesday, after our first room inspection, which went extremely well, one of our groups put out the mammal hotels and waited in anticipation for the following morning, when we would return to see what small animals had paid us a visit. In fact, about 7 of our Hiltons had overnight visitors, including Long Tailed Field Mice and Bank Voles. We were VERY excited!

As the week progressed, we realised we were sharing a wonderful time with a very special group of young people. Throughout their stay at the centre, they set a fantastic example to a group from another school and the Stubbington staff were blown away by how supportive, mature and sensible our children were.

It was an absolute pleasure to spend the time away with the children and we made great memories, with the Kestrels (my house, of course!) winning Thursday evening's S Factor as well as the overall House competition. The time passed incredibly quickly and it was soon time to make the short trip back along the M27 to Southampton. There were some tears as the coaches pulled away from the centre, but we had a brilliant time and next year's Year 5 have a hard act to follow!



## Parents' Evening - Spring Term 2024

As you know, this term's Parents' Evenings will take place after school on **Wednesday 21st and 28th February**.

Before the end of next week, you will receive the letter letting you know how you can book appointments to meet your children's teachers.

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## SOME DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

On the front page of our new website [www.fjslive.net](http://www.fjslive.net) is our school calendar. We will keep this up to date so you can see it at anytime.

Wednesday 31 January	Choir to Young Voices 2024 at London O <sub>2</sub>
Thursday 1 February	Year 3 to Butser Farm
Thursday 8 February	Non-Uniform Day for Dylan's Quest
Friday 9 February	School closes for February Half Term
Monday 19 February	The Fairisle Schools closed for Staff Training Day
Wednesday 21 and 28 February	Children return to school
	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 — Update

If you have visited our playground in the past week, I am sure you are just as amazed as I am as the new Trim Trail is taking shape. All the pieces of equipment are almost complete and the surrounding fence is in place.

Once we are completely happy that all the equipment is concreted in place, the installers will start to place the 334 square metres of mulch surface throughout the area (at the moment, the mulch is on the 7 pallets just out of the photo). Then we'll see just how fantastic our new trail looks.

Over the past week, the installers have all remarked how well behaved our children have been. They have told me that everyone has been very respectful as well as interested (obviously) as we can't wait for the trail to be complete and ready to use!

Hopefully, by the time we finish for half term, the trail will be complete!



## Attendance Update

One of the most asked questions in a school office is about whether a child is well enough to attend school. You may have seen the adverts on TV recently, highlighting the government's latest '*Moments Matter, Attendance Counts*' campaign. They have provided some useful guidance regarding when children should stay at home, and when they can attend school, which I thought parents would also find useful. Click [here](#) for further guidance.



Yesterday morning, we held our half termly In It To Win It event and M&M Productions came to show their new pantomime!

