

# FAIRISLE TIMES

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## The Newsletter of Fairisle Junior School



### We're SO Proud of all our Children!

Although we have only been back at school for a week and a half, we are very proud of how everyone has settled back into school. Everyone looks brilliant in their uniform and I would like to thank all families for getting the children organised for the term ahead.

Particular congratulations to all our Year 3 children, who have really amazed us with their maturity as well as their determination to Expect Success.

### Safety in PE Lessons

Thank you very much to everyone who remembered that the children should not wear earrings and should tie long hair back on their PE days in order to stay as safe as possible. It is very important, especially for gymnastics and dance, but also obviously for outside games, that the children do not wear anything that might injure them if they fall/slip/trip etc.

Thank you very much indeed for your help with this.

### Be In It to Win It — School Attendance Matters!

Since we returned to school after the holiday, attendance has been almost 96%, with 3DM, 3EC, 4HH, 4WO and 6CT with 100% 'perfect' attendance throughout the last couple of weeks. Well done everyone.

Every half term, we will have an 'In It to Win It' day for all the children in school on the day. Last year, we had 6 of these days and the children remember the Escape Room, the pantomime, the magic show and the famous Tower of Shoes. Improving attendance is once again one of the targets in this year's School Improvement Plan. We are also looking to decrease the number of late children each day (and therefore the amount of lost learning) and increase the number of children who receive prizes at the end of the year.

### Harvest Festival 2024

On Monday 7th October, we will be holding our annual Harvest Festival in aid of the Southampton Basics Bank. The organisation really helps many families within our community as well as across the city and the pressures on them currently are huge. They tell us that they can no longer rely solely on donations, but are having to buy extra food to keep up with the high demand. We ask for your help and support with canned and non perishable produce. If every child brings one item, we would fill about three trolleys!

### School Closures for INSET Days 2024-25

On Monday 4th November, Friday 14th February and Friday 4th July 2025 (the day after the October half term break and before the February half term) both the Fairisle Schools will be closed for staff training.  
All schools Nationally have 5 staff training days each year.

Southampton Admissions Department have asked me to remind all Year 6 parents that the system is now open for you to apply for a secondary school place for September 2024. This year, there are **four** choices available and **all** the choices should be used. This year's application round closes on 31st October (the day we return from the half term holiday).

Today we held our first fire evacuation of the year. Everyone had left the building in well under 2 minutes and registers were then taken. The children were brilliant!

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## SOME DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

On the front page of our school website [www.fjslive.net](http://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://www.instagram.com/FairisleJS)).

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| Thursday 19 September        | Year 6 Heights and Weights Check                        |
| Tuesday 24 September         | Individuals & Siblings Photographs                      |
| Wednesday 25 September       | Year 5 to Winchester Science Centre                     |
| Thursday 26 September        | Year 6 to Southampton Docks                             |
| Monday 30 September          | Teachers' Subject Leader Meeting with Infant Colleagues |
| Monday 7 October             | Harvest Festival  |
| Friday 25 October            | Children break up for half term                         |
| Monday 4 November            | INSET Day - Fairisle Schools closed                     |
| Tuesday 5 November           | Children return to school                               |
| Wednesday 6 November         | Year 4 Roman Assembly                                   |
| Monday 11 November           | Remembrance Assembly                                    |
| Tuesday 12 November          | Whole School Flu Immunisations                          |
| Tuesday 26 November          | Year 4 visit Fishbourne Palace                          |
| Monday 2 — Friday 6 December | Year 5 Residential Visit to Stubbington                 |
| Thursday 12 December         | Christmas Lunch (Free for all children)                 |
| Tuesday 17 December          | Christmas Production (0915 and 1400)                    |
| Wednesday 18 December        | Christmas Craft Day                                     |
| Thursday 19 December         | Class Christmas Parties                                 |
| Friday 20 December           | School closes for Christmas Holiday                     |
| Monday 6 January 2025        | Children return to school                               |



## Head Girl & Boy, House Captains and Learning Leaders 2024 — 2025

Our Year 6 children put their names forward for the role of House Captain last week and the staff had the very difficult job of voting for a boy and girl in each house. Our new Head Girl is Lily and our Head Boy is Freddie, and their deputies are Olivia and Henryk. It was a pleasure to announce the winners and present the children with their badges.



### Congratulations to our House Captains 2024-2025:

**Itchen**

**Woodmill**

**Cobden**

**Northam**

Oscar and Katie

Lily and Archie

Arthur and Sara

Mia and Dadrian



The children have also voted in their classes for their Learning Leader representative. This was a democratic vote involving the children each completing their own voting slip and placing it into voting box. All the votes were counted and we revealed our new Learning Leaders in assembly. They are all keen to relish this responsibility.



### Congratulations to our Learning Leaders 2024-2025:

Year 3: Gracie, Phoebe and Ava

Year 4: Matei, Albert and Leo

Year 5: Alex, Matilda, Ronnie-James and Isabella

Year 6: Harry, Enny and Annabelle

Miss Bessey will shortly be meeting the new Learning Leader team to begin planning for a children's disco later this term as well as some charity days which will take place through the year. Watch this space as well as our school calendar on the front page of our website for further details!

## Times Tables Rockstars & Spelling Shed

We have reset all the children's passwords and updated their planners with their login details for TTRS and Spelling Shed. Enjoy sharing these with your children — they will really help them to learn their tables and spell those tricky words!



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.