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Mr Hayes' Highlights

This is the first time in my nineteen years at Fairisle we have had weather as hot as this, but it has been fantastic to keep the school open and our children learning thanks to our air conditioned classrooms. The children's reports go home today, I hope you are proud of all their achievements. The children also enjoyed the recent Musicfest and performed fantastically - it is a shame that the weather didn't work in our favour so that everyone could attend. I hope you all have a lovely weekend.

Curriculum Spotlight PSHE

At Fairisle Junior School, we aim to equip our children with transferable skills and strategies to prepare them for life outside of the classroom. We teach them how to be positive members of the community, how to make a difference and help them to understand and navigate life experiences as they grow.



Last term, Year 3 learned all about money, which linked in with their Maths learning too. They began to understand the difference between needs and wants, as well as recognising that there are lots of different ways to pay for things.

On Monday, Year 5 had an exciting visit from Hampshire and Isle of Wight Fire Service about being safe near fire. They learned about smoke alarms and the *stop, drop and roll* technique.

Year Group Focus

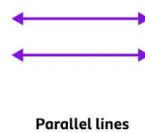
Year 3

We've been learning...

We have thoroughly enjoyed our new 'Ancient Greece' topic, which kickstarted with a trip to Southampton Art Gallery. The children listened to the legendary myth of 'Perseus and Medusa' and created their own fearsome prints of the horrific gorgon!



We've been celebrating...



Miss Cooper's maths class who have been working hard on their recent topic of shape. They have been learning about different types of lines - which can be hard to remember!

We're looking forward to...

On 6th July, we are beginning our two weeks of swimming! The children will head over to Oaklands Pool where they will have lessons with their classmates. They must remember their kit each day - including a swimming hat.

Please remember to park considerably around our school site.

All parents are welcome to park across the road in Sainsburys.

Attendance



Attendance continues to be an area of priority as a school. One way of supporting this is around good sleep routines for children. This also helps children to learn effectively in school and arrive punctually. [The Sleep Charity](#) and the [NHS](#) have excellent resources, hints and tips to make use of.





Keeping Safe



In this weather it is of course tempting to head to the beach or out swimming to cool down. However, in doing so please do be safe. There are some excellent resources to be found on the [Royal Life Saving Society website](#) which can be shared with your children. [There is a video that can be watched.](#) Water safety forms part of our safeguarding curriculum.



Inclusion Update



Did you know that an estimated 1.9 million children have communication difficulties?

We are delighted to share that the school has recently invested in VERBO, an intervention programme created by NHS Speech and Language Therapists. VERBO is designed to support children's speech, language and communication development through practical activities and strategies that can be used both in the classroom and during targeted intervention sessions.

This term, we have been trialling the programme with a small group of pupils in Year 4. We have been extremely pleased with the high-quality guidance and resources provided, which have helped staff to better support children in developing their communication skills and confidence.



Following the success of this trial, we are excited to expand the use of VERBO across other year groups from September, ensuring that even more children can benefit from this valuable support.



Well done to Harper in 5KL for all her swimming accomplishments this year, including all her lifeguard training!



Sport @ FJS

We competed at this Years School City Athletics competition. It was a brilliant day full of teamwork and determination.



We came 11th overall out of 21 Schools! We broke a record for the Vortex Throw, well done Austin M for managing to throw it a huge distance of 34.8m!

Well done Rosie J, Alexis N, Ruby S, Evelyn F, Mikey B, Teodor Z, Austin M & Kamil K.



Important Messages



- Wednesday is transition morning. We will welcome our new Year 3 for September and our Year 6 children will be visiting their future secondary schools. We wish them all the best for the day.
- At the end of the school year it is commonplace for presents to be purchased for teachers and school staff. As always, we would ask all our parents to keep their money for their families over the summer holiday. We know the economic climate and the cost of living crisis we are living with, please don't feel the need to do this.
- The school has forged a new partnership with IntoUniversity, launching next year. This will include workshops for all year groups, funded trips and opportunities to visit the University of Southampton, further details will follow.

Please make sure the office has your up to date phone numbers, pop in if they have changed or you have moved house.

School Uniform

As of the end of July, branded Fairisle uniform sales will move directly to Skoolkit, as is the case for most schools. Details of this process will follow. We are currently selling our existing stock until it has depleted, so please do come in and begin to purchase your uniform for next year. Remember uniform does not have to be purchased from us, supermarkets sell this and this is encouraged as they are often the cheapest supplier. We are committed to a uniform that is simple, affordable and smart.



Dates For Your Diary



26.6.26	Annual reports to go home	20.7.26	Year 6 Leavers Assembly (2pm to 3pm)
1.7.26	FJS Transition Day	21.7.26	Year 6 to Paultons Park
3.7.26	Inset Day	22.7.26	Year 6 Party Day Last Day of the School Year
w/c 6.7.26 and 13.7.26	Year 3 Swimming	23.7.26	First Day of the Summer Holiday
13.7.26 or 14.7.26 (dependent on class)	Year 6 to Calshot	2.9.26	First Day of the New School Year

