

FAIRHOUSE primary SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER - 36 (27/06/25)



Happy Friday, Fairhouse Families!

This week has been another hot, busy week. Please keep sending your children in with water, sun cream applied and sun hats. Please note the change of sports day – due to the high temperatures. The new date is Monday 7th July.

Our two transition days were a wonderful success, as always. This was a great opportunity for the children to spend two full days with their new class teachers, in their new classrooms, many with new classmates. The feedback was very positive from both pupils and staff. At the end of this term, we will be saying goodbye to Mrs Lo Bue as she relocates with her family. I am sure you will join me in thanking Mrs Lo Bue for her commitment to our Fairhouse community over the last 4 years and wish her the very best for her new school and her new home. Mrs Hardy will still be with us in September but she is reducing from being with us full time to part time. We are very fortunate to be welcoming two new teachers to our staff team: Miss Peetoom, who will be teaching in year 6 and Miss Tighe, who will be teaching in year 1. These are both experienced teachers who will further enhance our already fabulous teaching team. We will also be welcoming Miss Hamilton, Miss Whittington and Mrs Sewell who will be joining our wonderful teaching support team in September.

Yesterday year 5 experienced what it was like to live during ancient and modern Greek times. they were split into two teams: team Sparta and team Olympus and had several challenges throughout the day to earn points towards a winning prize. Results of this will be announced on Monday. The children looked amazing in their costumes and were able to use key vocabulary throughout the



day and talk about the roles of men and women. They competed against each other in Olympic challenges and even had the opportunity to taste some Greek food (the olives went down a treat!). To finish they had a chance to learn, practice and perform the "Zorba". It was a fantastic day and we are looking forward to showcasing some parts of it to you in our end of year assembly on the 17th July.



On Wednesday, the Deputy Head Boy & Girl joined other children within the trust at St Mary's school to join in with Forestry School. The children enjoyed taking part in many activities that included Tataki, making perfumes from wildflowers including lavender, bug hunting, playing mud darts, wittering, building a fire and then making smores over the campfire. We had a fun



morning and thank St Mary's for hosting this event.

The Nest enjoyed making and playing in their pirate ship for their stories 'The pirates next door' and 'The pirates are coming!'

As part of their 'Animal Survival' work, Year 2 have been learning about life cycles. Some animal life cycles are very simple to follow, for example a kitten is born, grows into an adult cat and will hopefully have kittens of its own. However, some are much more complicated, for example meal

worms that turn into beetles, tadpoles that grow into frogs and caterpillars that grow into butterflies. They have had a set of five caterpillars in class and have watched them transform into their chrysalis form and very quickly into butterflies. This process is called metamorphosis - and we have been so fortunate to watch it happen before our eyes!



Have a wonderful weekend.

Mr Davie

<u>ParentPay</u>

Please ensure you keep your ParentPay account in credit to cover any dinners booked for your child.

If your account accrues arrears of two meals (£4.60) or more your child WILL NOT be able to book any further school dinners and you MUST provide them with a packed lunch until the arrears are cleared.

Please note that from September 2025 the cost of a school dinner will increase to £2.40.

School Dinner Menu - Week One

30th June - 4th July 2025

<u>Monday</u>

Cheese & Potato Pastry Slice Cheese & Tomato Pastry Parcel Jacket Potato with Cheese & Beans Strawberry Jam Sandwich Seasonal Fruit Medley

<u>Tuesday</u>

Chicken Fillet Burger Veggie Burger Jacket Potato with Cheese & Beans Egg Mayo Bap Raspberry Ice Cream Roll

<u>Wednesday</u>

Roast Turkey, Yorkie Pud & Gravy Quorn Fillet, Yorkie Pud & Gravy Jacket Potato with Cheese & Beans

> Cheese Wrap Vanilla Cupcake

<u>Thursday</u>

Butchers Sausage & New Potatoes Veggie Sausage & New Potatoes Jacket Potato with Cheese & Beans Tuna Mayo Baguette Chocolate Oat Cake

<u>Friday</u>

Fish Fingers Veggie Fingers Jacket Potato with Cheese & Beans Ham Sandwich Fruity Friday

Fairhouse Weekly Attendance Table

87%
73.1%
86.1%
92.2%
92.3%
98.3%
92.7%
92%
87.9%
94.5%
97.6%
93.2%
97.3%
96.3%

Well done to Rhinos (KS1) and Gorillas (KS2) who have earned the company of our attendance bears Fred and Freda in class next week. Also to Rhinos who have earned a spin



Also to Rhinos who have earned a spin on the attendance prize wheel for achieving over 98% attendance this week. Well done!

A special mention to the children below who have displayed some of our core values this week:

Class	Child	Core Value
Galapagos Penguins	Katie-Grace	Responsibility
Sea Turtles	Preah-Raie	Courage
Gorillas	Stanley	Responsibility
Saolas	Samira	Responsibility
Belugas	Nathan	Responsibility
Sea Otters	Olivia	Courage
Jaguars	Mert	Respect
Vaquitas	Nihal	Courage
Macaws	Ella M	Responsibility
Rhinos	Jenner	Courage
Hedgehogs	Eliyanah	Responsibility
Tigers	Yousuf	Courage
Elephants	Bentley	Responsibility
Pandas	Yasmina	Kindness

Dates for your Diary



Tuesday, 1st - Friday, 4th July 2025 EYFS Learn to Ride with Dr Bike

Tuesday, 1st July 2025 Year 3 & 4 District Sports - 8.30am - 3.30pm

Thursday, 3rd July 2025 Fairhouse Choir at Basildon Music Festival Year 1 Sharing Assembly - 2.40pm

Friday, 4th July 2025

Fairhouse Summer Bounce Event 3.30 - 5.30pm

Monday, 7th July 2025 Sports Day

Tuesday, 8th July 2025 Year 4 Trip - Horniman Museum Year 3 Sharing Assembly - 2.40pm

Wednesday, 9th - Friday, 11th July 2025

Year 6 Residential Trip

Wednesday, 9th July 2025 Berlesduna Academy Trust Swimming Gala Reception Sharing Assembly - 9.15am

Thursday, 10th July 2025 Archie Project Summer Picnic 1.20pm & 2.05pm

Tuesday, 15th July 2025 Whole School Open Evening - 3.30 - 5pm Year 5 Sharing Assembly - 2.40pm

Wednesday, 16th July 2025 Year 2 Sharing Assembly - 2.40pm

Thursday, 17th July 2025

Year 4 Sharing Assembly - 9.15am EYFS & KS1 & Year 3, 4 & 5 Disco's: 4 - 5,30pm Year 6 Leavers Disco: 5.45 - 7.15pm

> Friday, 18th July 2025 Last Day of Term Year 6 Leavers Assembly - 2.30pm

Monday, 21st & Tuesday, 22nd July 2025 Inset / Non-Pupil Day

Monday, 1st & Tuesday, 2nd September 2025 Inset / Non-Pupil Day

> Wednesday, 3rd September 2025 Back to School

Breakfast Club

Breakfast Club MUST be pre-booked via ParentPay. Bookings should be made 24hrs in advance.

Breakfast club runs from 8am - 8,40am and costs £2 per child per day. Last entry is at 8.15am.

Parents MUST accompany their child to the main doors by the office where they will be met and registered by a member of staff. Various breakfast options will be available such as cereal, toast & crumpets as well as fresh juice & milk.

Parking in the local area

Please drive with caution and be aware of children outside the school, there have been a few near misses with vehicles driving and reversing at speed.

Please also be considerate of our neighbours when dropping off and collecting your children from school. We have received a number of complaints from local residents due to parents parking on & blocking the entrances / driveways at Fairhouse Court and Napier Close at drop off and pick up times.



Mands Park, Felmones Road, Basildon 9313 150

on Council, Active Essex, FC Redwing, ATF, Football Fun Factury

FUN FOOTBALL MATCHES : FA WILDCATS & SQUAD GIRLS TRIAL SESSIONS : FOOTBALL INFLATABLES : SHOT SPEED GUN : BEAT THE KEEPER - ALL FREE



Important information - Term time holidays

Improving school attendance is a key priority for all schools across Essex. Where families choose to take **a family holiday during term time, this can detrimentally impact a pupil's progress and can prevent them** from fulfilling their true academic potential. Our school attendance policy, available via our school website, clearly sets out the process that parents should follow if they wish to apply for leave during term time. Please note that applications should only be made, if you feel that there are exceptional circumstances which mean that the leave cannot be taken during the school holidays. We would ask all parents to note that, where families choose to go on holiday during term time and the absences are coded as unauthorised, Essex County Council may not issue penalty notices and may instead proceed straight to prosecution and place the case directly before the Magistrates for their consideration in court. If found guilty by the Magistrates, parents could face a fine of up to £2,500 and/or 3 months imprisonment.

Studybugs 😏

<u>Studybugs</u>

Fairhouse are using a more efficient and secure system

for messaging parents, called Studybugs. The website & app has an easy to use messaging service which allows us to set up a chat feature with parents to notify you of anything you may need to know about and answer any queries you may have. It is also our absence line service allowing parents to easily notify school of their child's absence.

Please download the free Studybugs app, or register on the Studybugs website.

If you need any assistance in setting this up on your phone, please call into the school office and we will be happy to help.



<u>Break Time Snack</u>

Our snack shop has a range of healthy snacks available daily. Each item costs 50p and children are limited to one item each. If you wish to send your child in with a snack from home

please do try to make sure it is something from our approved snack list.

Key Stage 1 children will continue to receive a piece of fruit as part of the healthy schools initiative.



School Uniform

Our school uniform consists of the following:

- Grey trousers, skirt or pinafore.
- White polo shirt
- Bottle green jumper or cardigan.
- Grey tights.
- Black, grey or white ankle socks.
- Grey shorts or green and white checked summer dress in summer months.
- Black school shoes or ALL BLACK trainers (including black soles no big logos or brand names).

Leggings are **NOT** part of the school uniform and should **NOT** be worn to school.







BERLESDUNA ACADEMY TRUST – VACANCIES

DOWNHAM - FIXED TERM CLASS TEACHER (Full Time) - closing date 2nd July MERRYLANDS - MIDDAY SUPERVISOR - (11.67 hours per week)- closing date 8th July MERRYLANDS - SEND HIGH NEEDS SUPPORT ASSISTANT (32.5 hours per week) - closing date 3rd July WHITMORE - SITE MANAGER (32.5 hours per week) - closing date 30th June

For more information and to apply for any of these exciting opportunities, please follow the link to our website <u>Vacancies</u> - <u>Berlesduna</u> <u>Academy Trust</u>

