

Fairway Primary Academy Newsletter 18.10.24

Message from Mr Mann

Dear Parents/Carers

In this final general newsletter before the half-term holiday, I hope that all the children have enjoyed the first half-term back into school and that the half-term holiday brings some lovely rest and relaxation. Over the holiday, the children can look forward to Halloween before the bonfires start ready for Guy Fawkes day. Please watch out for other communications from school next week though through MCAS. In school and since the last newsletter, we have celebrated Mental Health Day, with us looking forward celebrating Black History Month next week and Anti-Bullying week after the holiday; the events keep coming and we look forward to seeing more parents in school before Christmas!!!

Best wishes

Darren Mann



General information



Uniform

Over the last week of this half-term, the teachers will be sending reminder letters to parents about their children wearing the correct school uniform into school and having the correct PE kit for PE days. We understand that accidents can occur with uniforms and shoe wear, so if this happens, please let the teacher know and temporary exceptions can be made.

If there is a longer issue with replacing uniform, then please inform us and we can discuss this together without causing any anxiety for the children.

Please also visit <https://www.ruberyswopshop.co.uk> , who can also help with uniform.

Attendance

As part of the new attendance procedures for the Birmingham Education Partnership, we will be sending letters to all children who are classed as persistently absent (more than 10% of time missed or four days over this half-term). This is a requirement for school as part of the attendance programme. We understand that some of these children have medical reasons for absence, and if this is the case, then please do not worry.

For children who are persistently absent without medical needs, an attendance improvement plan will be discussed as the school now has to consider this a safeguarding issue. This will be discussed with individual parents as we aim to get all children to have attendance above the 90% mark.

In addition, we will also be celebrating children who have achieved 100% attendance with a certificate home. These will be distributed by the class teachers before half-term.

Staff update

We are happy to announce the return on Darran Smith to school as a lunchtime supervisor. Darran is also supporting school by stepping into the breakfast and after-school club when needed. I am sure many parents will be glad to see him back, I know many of the children are as well.

Fairway Curriculum Promise-

Each newsletter will now show the extra learning and experiences the children receive at school that are above the requirements of the National Curriculum, but form part of our Pupil Promise to all children. Please speak to your child about these extra learning opportunities.

Week 7 Assemblies

- The whole school will have an assembly on Black History Month.
- KS1 will have an assembly on Jesse Owens
- KS2 will have an assembly on Desmond Tutu

Week 8 Assemblies

- The whole school will celebrate Guy Fawkes on Tuesday 5th November and My Happy Minds on Thursday 7th November.
- KS2 will have an assembly on Robert Louis Stevenson

Black History Month-

During Black History Month, the children in each class will be celebrating the following people and their cultural importance. Some of our Year 6 children have also produced posters to put up around school to prepare for this important week.

Y6- Martin Luther King and Nelson Mandela

Y5- Catherine Johnson

Y4- Benjamin Zephania

Y3- Jesse Owens

Y2- Mary Seacole

Y1- Floella Benjamin

Reception will tell different stories from black history or culture over the week.

If any parents would like more information, then please contact your class teacher

Harvest

Thank you to all the parents who have sent in food items to be donated for Harvest foodbank. If you can send any donations in next week, they would be greatly received. Please either send these donations in with your children, or drop them straight to the main office.

Fairway Fledglings

Just a quick reminder that our Fairway Fledglings group has restarted and is taking place every Wednesday in school from 9am to 10am. This "stay and play" session for younger children happens in school and is an ideal opportunity for parents to bring in younger siblings and meet other parents in school. It also gets lets the children have some fun!!!

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Attendance Target – Each child to be in school all day, every day.

Please see the weekly and culminative attendance of each class since the beginning of this term. The persistent absence children have missed at least 4 days off school this year so far.

Class	Week 5 Attendance	Week 6 Attendance	Attendance Since September	Persistent absence
Rec	91.4%	90.7%		
Year 1	96%	99%	96.8%	3 children
Year 2	97.4%	94.8%	94.4%	7 children
Year 3	97.5%	91.3%	94.5%	3 children
Year 4	95.3%	93.7%	94.3%	3 children
Year 5	97.6%	93.7%	92.9%	9 children
Year 6	97.2%	94.5%	95.8%	3 children

Greenheart Learning Partnership Update



Greenheart continues to support Fairway, and we are proud to announce the following information or improvements in school:

Kitchen Work Update and hot food options

The work to replace the kitchen roof is still on track to start over the half-term holidays and finish at the beginning of December. Mr Mann has been attending meetings with the building company and Cityserve to co-ordinate this improvement work. In one meeting, Mr Mann prioritised and emphasised the need for hot food to be served throughout the construction period, as the weather and temperatures mean that the children will need the option of a hot meal during the day. This will be enacted, and hot food will be a choice throughout the work, as well as cold option if required. Although hot-food options and choices may be slightly reduced, it will form part of the menu throughout the period.

Awards

The following children have received head-teacher awards.

Y2- Kaleb, Y6, Kayseri. Eveie. Y4, Scarlett, Julian, Connie. Y2 James, Y1. Gulley

The following children have received certificates in Celebration Assembly over the last two weeks.

Year 6- Eveie, Max, Erin, Neva, Lottie, Alfie

Year 5- Archie, Charlie, Chloe, Archie, Chloe, Liam

Year 4- Henry, Ella-Rose, Yuna, Mia, Olivia, Aryan

Year 3- Naz, Aiden, Jacob, Eli, Annie-Marie, Amelia

Year 2- Ronella, Emmie, Florence, Iris, Lacey, Brooke

Year 1- Finn, Tabitha, Logan, Gulley, Jack, Samuel

Reception- Michale, Willow

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Fairway Primary Academy Reception Open Days

Is your child starting school in September 2025?
Come and visit our school open sessions
Tuesday 22nd October 3.30pm
Thursday 24th October 9.30am



Any questions please contact us at
enquiries@fwp.greenheartlearning.org or 0121 464 3200



Friends of Fairway

What is Friends of Fairway?

Friends of Fairway (F.O.F) is a registered charity run by a group of parents and school staff. The aim of the group is to raise funds to directly benefit all of the children at Fairway Primary Academy.

Through fundraising initiatives such as School Disco's, Competitions, Pop-up Shops and Fun Days, F.O.F help provide the school with the means to purchase new equipment, resources, and host specialist workshops onsite, to give all of Fairway's children the best learning experiences possible.

F.O.F Membership structures

There are two levels to Friends of Fairway Membership: a Volunteering level and a Core Group.

Currently (for 2024/25) the Core Group members are:

Chairperson - Michaela Burgess

Vice Chair - Nadean Kehoe

Treasurer - Suz Smith

Vice Treasurers - Abi Randall and George Lane-Gilbert

Secretary - Jamie Bennett

Vice Secretary - Sam Dovey

Other Core Group members are:

Karen Milne, Georgia Kehoe, Rachel Skinner, Donna Evans, Ellie Jones, Laura Moore, Jackie McConnell

Through termly meetings and a WhatsApp group they plan and organise school fundraising initiatives and events, sharing announcements to the class WhatsApp groups and committing to attending at least 1 in 3 meetings.

Can you help F.O.F?

F.O.F are currently looking for a Year 2 parent to join the Core group, who can share messages to the class WhatsApp group.

There is also a separate volunteering WhatsApp Group for parents that hope they may be able to help out at some point in the year. Dates extra helpers will be needed are shared to this group.

If you would like to join either group, please email via: friends.of.fairway@outlook.com.

If you're on Facebook, please also 'like' the Friends of Fairway Facebook page:

<https://www.facebook.com/fairwaypta>

We really hope that all parents, grandparents and carers will get behind and support F.O.F as much as you are able to, as all money raised goes straight back into school to support all our children.

A huge thank you for your ongoing support!

Finally, please remember that there is the school disco after school on Wednesday 23rd October. Please get tickets from one of us on the playground or speak to the Main office.

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Important dates

These dates are currently provisional and are subject to change.

New Academic Year

Monday 21st – Friday 25th November- Black History Month
Tuesday 22nd October 2024- Year 2 Parent Workshop
Wednesday 23rd October- FOF School Disco 3:30-4:30pm
Thursday 24th October- Harvest Assembly for children only
Friday 25th October 2024- Children will break up for half-term.

Monday 4th November 2024- Children will return to school for the Autumn second half-term

Thursday 7th November 2024- Year 6 Parent workshop

Thursday 7th November 2024- Year 5 Class Assembly

Monday 11th-Friday 15th November 2024- Anti Bullying Week

Thursday 14th November 2024- Year 5 Parent workshop

Friday 15th November 2024- Children in Need Day- Non-uniform

Thursday 28th November 2024- Year 3 Parent Workshop

Thursday 5th December 2024- Year 2 Parent Workshop

Y4 MHST workshop for children

Monday 9th December 2024- KS1 Nativity Play at 9am – Ticket only

Wednesday 11th December 2024- Parents evening

Thursday 12th December 2024- KS1 Nativity Play at 2pm- Ticket only

Tuesday 17th December 2024- KS2 Carol Concert at 9am- Ticket only

Wednesday 18th December 2024- KS2 Carol Concert at 2pm- Ticket only

Thursday 19th December 2024- Christmas Jumper Day and Party Afternoon

Friday 20th December 2024- The children will break up for the Christmas Holidays