

Fairway Primary Academy Newsletter 04.10.24

Message from Mr Mann

Dear Parents/Carers

As we enter the new month of October, there is a distinct wet feel around school, with the recent rain causing disruption inside the building as well as outside for the children and parents getting to and from school. With this in mind, there is some information below about coats, wellies and umbrellas.

Away from the weather, we are really enjoying the parental workshops that are happening in school. Each year group will have a workshop each half-term, please check the dates page for your year group and we hope you can make it into school.

Best wishes

Darren Mann



General information



Wet weather

With the autumnal weather now established, can we please ask that all children bring coats into school. On their arrival, we are seeing children entering school really wet and having to sit in wet jumpers due to not wearing a coat into school.

During break and dinnertimes, if it is dry enough, we encourage all the children to get fresh air outside and release some energy following their lessons. Unfortunately, we will be unable to send children out at either time if the children do not have coats to wear.

We are seeing some lovely wellies in school, and we encourage all children to wear wellies if needed during the wet mornings. Please could all parents ensure that the children have a plastic bag and a change of shoes for their children if wearing wellies into school. We can ensure the wellies are put in the plastic bag to keep them from getting other things wet and will get the children back into them at the end of the day if needed.

I know that umbrellas are extremely useful at this time of the year in helping to keep the children dry on their way to and from school. Could we please ask that parents keep hold of the umbrellas when the children enter school, as there is limited storage on the coat pegs for these items. They also bring in a lot of water into the classroom, which can make the environment a little worse and damp for all the children.

On the playground, we have stopped the children from going onto the grass on any day it has rained, due to it being too wet and muddy. Could you please encourage your children to remain off the grass at both the beginning and end of the school day if there has been any rain. I understand the children enjoy using the play equipment, but it can become dangerous when wet and not used properly. We will try and keep the area open as long as possible

Water bottles

Please remember to register at the school office if your child has a metal water bottle a non-sports water bottle. Over the next few weeks, we will be replacing these (free of charge) to ensure that the children can have them on their desks. With the new ipads, and the eventual arrival of the new laptops, we need to ensure that there is reduced risk of any spillage that could damage these items or make them unsafe.

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Awards

The following children have received head-teacher awards

Y6 Bobby, Tilly, Toby, Eliza, Y3 Isabelle, Faith, Anthony, Olivia, Abaigael, Klayton. Amber-Rose.

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

Year 6- Ivy, Erin, Bobby T. Bobby D, Maria, Charlie B

Year 5- Malachy, Nathaniel, Ava, Poppy, Tyler, Amelie

Year 4- Austin, Evie-Grace, Barnaby, Zainab, Max, Eibhlin.

Year 3- Hollie-Rose, Anthony, Abaigael, Elliot, Amber-Rose, Faith

Year 2- Lottie-Mae, Maisy-Rae, Mason, Aylina, Imogen

Year 1- Orla, Jensen, George, Kadija, Sarah, Abduldahir, Cherry-Lee.

Reception- Luca, Freddie, Amius,

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 5 Assemblies

- The whole school will have an assembly delivered by Mrs Ward to celebrate Mental health Day in school. We are encouraging all children to wear anything yellow for the day.
- KS1 will have an assembly on Nancy Johnson
- KS2 will have an assembly on Andy Warhol

Week 6 Assemblies

- The whole school will celebrate Harvest Assembly on Tuesday 15th October and Divali on Thursday 17th October
- KS2 will have an assembly on Anthony Horowitz

Mental Health Day-

On Monday 7th October, we are joining the national theme day of supporting Mental health for our children, staff and parents. On this day, we are encouraging the children to wear Yellow instead of their school uniform. If you do not have anything yellow, please do not worry, these children can remain in their school uniforms.

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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 3 days off this year so far.

Class	Week 3 attendance	Week 2 Attendance	Attendance Since September	Persistent absence
Rec	92.3%	94.6%		
Year 1	97.3%	95.6%	96.5	11 children
Year2	87.5%	91.5%	93.5	7 children
Year 3	94.8%	92.3%	94.7	6 children
Year 4	96.6%	88.3%	94.2	5 children
Year 5	90.7%	91%	91.8	8 children
Year 6	96.6%	94.8%	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:

SEND visit.

During Ofsted, our SEND was considered a strength of the school, and we are proud that this is continuing following a visit from Faye Whittle from Birmingham Educational Partnership (BEP), who are working with Greenheart to ensure all our schools provide the best education for SEND children.

Whilst many positives were noted, we continue to look for further improvements and all schools within Greenheart will continue working with BEP throughout the school year. Thank you to all the parents who filled out a questionnaire for this visit.

Kitchen Roof and Main Office Corridor

The work to replace the kitchen and corridor roof will start during the October half-term and is scheduled to finish in the first week of December. This vital work is being paid for by Greenheart and will ensure the fabric of school remains intact and that we can continue concentrating on improving the life-chances of the pupils.

However, during this period of work, the kitchen will be running at a reduced capacity and will not be able to serve hot food during the work. This is due to the electricity and gas supplies being turned off at certain points to ensure the safety of the workers completing the job.

We apologise for this inconvenience, but during this period, we can only serve cold lunches. Children in EYFS, KS1 and FSM children in KS2 will continue to receive a packed lunch during this period. If you have any concerns or questions, please do not hesitate in contacting any senior leader at school.

Please also see the advert on the last page of this newsletter.

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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





Year 6 Secondary School Application

[Before you apply: researching schools](#) | [Apply for a secondary school \(year 7\) place](#) | [Birmingham City Council](#)

Please visit the website above to apply for a secondary school place for your child. It also gives more detail than this newsletter. Do not use this form if your child has an Education Health Care Plan (EHCP). For children with an EHCP, visit the <https://www.localofferbirmingham.co.uk/>

Application for Secondary School

You can list up to six different secondary schools as preferences in your application. This can include schools outside of Birmingham. Birmingham City Council runs a co-ordinated admissions scheme with neighbouring local authorities. If you are applying for schools in another local authority then we recommend that you contact them for their admissions arrangements as this will help you to decide if your application is likely to be successful. Birmingham City Council will only deal with applications for school places if you live in Birmingham and pay council tax to the authority. If you live in Birmingham your application must still be made to Birmingham City Council.

Applying for grammar schools

If your child will be sitting the selective test for entry to grammar schools, we strongly recommend that you do not submit your online application until you know the results of your child's grammar school test. The test results for grammar schools in Birmingham will be available before 31 October 2024.

The closing date for applications is 11:59pm on 31st October 2024.

Please note that this is a parental application and is completely independent of Fairway. We cannot influence or alter the application, procedure or school placements. Parents will be informed of their child's placement on Monday 3rd March 2025, if the application was made before the deadline

Meet Bailey

We are happy and excited to welcome Bailey into school as our therapy dog. Bailey can be visited by children to help them learn about looking after others, but also how help them look after themselves, especially in



regards to their mental health. I know that some children do not like dogs, and Mrs Ward has issued a letter about this. If you want any more information about Bailey in school, then please speak to Mrs Ward.

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Important dates

These dates are currently provisional and are subject to change.

New Academic Year

Monday 7th October 2024- Mental Health Day (Wear Yellow day)

Tuesday 8th October 2024 Year 4 Parent Workshop

Wednesday 9th October 2024- Reception Parent Workshop

Tuesday 15th October 2024- Year 3 Parent Workshop

Monday 21st – Friday 25th November- Black History Month

Tuesday 22nd October 2024- Year 2 Parent Workshop

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

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

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