



FAIRVIEW P.S.

Covid Reminders

Child Protection / Safeguarding

Please remember that if you have any concerns about your own child or another child outside school, as well as in, you should share these concerns with:

Mrs Burns

(Designated Teacher for Child Protection and Safeguarding)
or

Mr McAllister/Miss Earls

(Deputy Designated Teachers)
or

Mrs Matthews

The Child Protection Policy can be accessed on the school website or via the school office.

Thermals/Layering

Due to the increased ventilation required in classrooms to reduce the risk of coronavirus, please ensure your children are well layered up when in school each day.

Feel free to put thermals underneath their shirts, or under trousers for boys. If girls are feeling cooler, they can of course wear their winter tights.

Thank you to all those parents and carers who are now wearing a face mask and continuing to adhere to Social Distancing since the last newsletter! Your co-operation is really appreciated.

I would also like to express my thanks to parents for continuing to adhere to their child's start time. The flow into school each morning is a gradual one and avoids any congestion of either pupils or adults.

Please note the usual, but important reminders:

Your child should not be in school if they are displaying any of the following symptoms:

- A new and persistent cough
- A high temperature
- A loss of taste or smell
- Remember that your child should not be in school for 48 hours after they have been vomiting or have had diarrhoea - as is normal practice.

Please remember to email lcaldwell474@c2kni.net explaining your child's absence.

If your child tests positive during the weekend or on an evening, I would like to remind you of the importance of informing school. Please email lcaldwell474@c2kni.net as soon as you receive confirmation so that appropriate steps can be taken.

Important Information around Symptoms

Parents are not obliged to take their children for Covid tests.

However, the Public Health Agency has advised School Principals that if a parent decides not to have a Covid test and if the Principal has sufficient evidence to indicate that Covid may be a possibility (ie the child displays the agreed symptoms of Covid 19), the Principal should act as if the child has a positive test and implement the procedures accordingly; ie directing the parent that the child must self-isolate for the requisite amount of time. The PHA strongly advise erring on the side of caution.

Therefore, if a child has any of the Covid symptoms, parents should either have the child tested for Covid or the child self isolates for 14 days from the onset of symptoms.

Many thanks for your support in keeping our school community safe and well.

Christmas Gifts

In the past many parents have very generously given their child's class teacher a Christmas gift and staff are always most appreciative of your kindness. However, please do not feel that you need to provide us with a gift, knowing you are safe and well is all that matters. We acknowledge this year is different to any other we have ever experienced and if you feel you would like to, you can make a small donation on your child's Christmas Jumper Day when we will be supporting the Newtownabbey Foodbank.

We would also request this year that pupils do not exchange gifts or cards around the class. We are trying to be mindful of items being passed between different homes via school, thus increasing possible risk of contamination. We know this is not what we want for our children, but it is about keeping everyone as safe as possible. Thank you.

In-Class Pantomime Week & Christmas Jumper Day

To help bring some festive cheer into school and to give the pupils a 'familiar' Christmas experience, we have purchased access to an online Pantomime for schools. Each class will book their slot for their showing (week beginning 7th December) and we will make it a special day for them. In addition to watching the pantomime, the children will be able to come into school in their Christmas Jumper! The PTA will be providing treats of popcorn, juice and sweets. It will be the next best thing to their annual outing! There is no charge for the day, but if you are wanting to donate a small amount for the Newtownabbey Foodbank instead of a teacher gift, please bring it into school that day, in a sealed envelope. Thank you.

PTA Fundraising and Donations

This week the PTA handed over a cheque to Women's Aid for £2000. This came from the Fairview Does Strictly night back in February. The Women's Aid representative was most appreciative and acknowledged the significance this amount would make to the charity.

School also took receipt of iPads this week which will now be distributed around year groups for use by all pupils. A huge £25,000 went towards their purchase and I would like to say a huge 'thank you' to all our parents, whatever your role may have been during the last school year to have made this purchase possible. It will make such a difference for all our pupils!

House Captains

Congratulations to our new house captains Olivia Darragh (Cogry), Max McConnell (Collin), Daniel Jenkins (Rashee) and Freya Patton (Ollar). We wish the House Captains the very best in their new role, we know they will make wonderful leaders who will encourage and support their fellow house mates throughout the rest of the year. We look forward to hearing their ideas for future house competitions. May the best house win!

Online Safety Team

At Fairview Primary School we believe that educating our children about Online Safety is very important and we are pleased to present our own Online Safety team within school. Representing our Online Safety team this year are Primary 7 pupils Joshua Nesbitt, Daniel Lewis, Zoe Johnston, Adam Carmichael, Rebecca Stevenson and Mya Hill. The team will be working closely with Miss McMillan to create and publish various Online Safety materials which will be used across the school to promote good online behaviours.

Attendance

Despite the ongoing need for pupils to remain at home if they display any coronavirus symptoms, attendance over the month of October was very high with the school average being 96.7%! The following classes had the top attendance. Well done!

Joint 1st Place - P2ZJ & P6CP - 99.6%
2nd place - P4HB - 99.2%
3rd place - P6DD - 98.9%