



FAIRVIEW P.S.

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.

Climbing on Walls

It has been brought to my attention that children are climbing on the walls at the school car park.

Please be advised that allowing children to climb anywhere is not allowed and this includes the school walls at the start and end of the school day.

Your co-operation with this matter is very much appreciated.

Diary Dates 2020

Switch Off Fortnight

Monday, 16th - Friday 27th
November

Switch Off Day

Friday, 20th November

Anti-Bullying Week

Monday, 16th - Friday
20th November

Covid Reminders

Welcome back everyone after the extended half term break! It has been great to welcome all our pupils back and seeing them all refreshed for the next half term.

I would like to pass on my sincere thanks to the pupils, parents and staff for your hard work and effort in making last half term run so smoothly. As we return for another 7 weeks, we will continue to adhere to the routines which we put into place from the end of August. It is important that we continue to ensure our school environment is as safe as possible for everyone. **With that in mind, I would like to draw your attention to the Minister of Education's recent request to parents and carers not to congregate at school gates, the need to socially distance and to wear a mask when on school grounds.**

Please ensure you continue to bring your child or children into school at the designated times, to avoid unnecessary congestion. A few children are arriving well before 8.45am. Please note that this should not be happening. Once you have your child dropped off you should quickly leave the school grounds and avoid chatting to other parents.

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.

You must inform school immediately if your child tests positive and has recently been in school. If a positive test is received over the weekend or in the evening please email lcaldwell474@c2kni.net

Parent Teacher Interviews

Thank you to all those parent / carers who took their telephone call from the class teacher during the half term break. Feedback from staff indicated a high level of support from parents for all the work which has been put in since school re-opened. Thank you for all your efforts with your child at home. We continue to work in partnership with you to ensure the best possible outcomes for your child.

Harvest

On Monday, Michelle Purdy from Ballyclare Presbyterian came to collect all your donations for the Newtownabbey Foodbank which were brought into school just before we closed. Thank you so much for your kindness! Michelle commented on how the school has given so generously to this worthy cause on several occasions. We know your tins of food and non-perishables will help many families within our own community.

#OutdoorClassroomDay

This has been outdoor learning week and Thursday was specifically '#OutdoorClassroomDay'. It was a lovely autumnal day for the pupils to be outside and there was great learning going on. There were lots of Literacy, Numeracy and World Around Us lessons taking place. To have a look at what the various classes were doing, do visit our Twitter page - @FairviewFPS

School Council 2020/21

The School Councillors have been elected for the 2020/21 school year and they will have had their first meeting with Mr McAllister on Friday. It will be an interesting year for them to serve on School Council and we are looking forward to hearing their ideas and proposals for the year ahead. Well done to the following pupils:

P5E - Samuel Witherow	P5McC - Mark Lewis	P5C - Rebecca McDonnell
P6D - Lucy Millar	P6P - Olivia McAllister	P6H - Thea Waite
P7McM - James Waite	P7K - Alfie Morrow	P7McA - Harry Webb, Jaydn Simms & Erin Hanley

Outdoor Detectives

During late August BBC TV came to Fairview to film some of our pupils and Mr McAllister to make a programme called 'Outdoor Detectives'. It is a super programme with great outdoor learning taking place. Well done to the pupils who starred in it - Harry Webb, Lucy Blair, Daniel Jenkins and Olivia McAllister. You were all most impressive. If you have a spare 12 minutes over the weekend, go onto the link on our Twitter page or visit BBC NI iPlayer to find the programme...you won't regret it!

PTA are a Smile Amazon charity! 😊

PTA are trying to think of other ways to bring in funds this year as COVID restrictions have meant that a lot of our usual fundraisers can't take place. Have you ever heard of Smile Amazon? It's the chance Amazon give you to select your chosen charity for them to donate to every time you purchase an eligible item from them. We are continuing to use easyfundraising.co.uk to raise much-needed funds for school, but we have now set up Fairview PS PTA as a charity on Amazon too. By following the steps below, you can easily select Fairview Primary School PTA as your chosen charity in your Amazon account. Then every time you purchase an eligible item, Amazon will automatically donate 0.5% to PTA. Please take a few minutes to do this before you start your Christmas shopping. Easyfundraising has brought in nearly £1,000 since we started using it, so it's well worth supporting both initiatives. Thanks in advance – and happy shopping! (Please see Page 3)

Setting up Smile Amazon:

1. Visit smile.amazon.com
2. Log in using your usual Amazon login details
3. Select Get Started and search for 'Fairview Primary School PTA, Ballyclare, NI'.
4. Select 'Fairview Primary School PTA, Ballyclare, NI'.
5. You can shop from smile.amazon.com, as usual, and all your settings, such as Prime, will be there.
6. If you forget to use the [smile.amazon](http://smile.amazon.com) website and use Amazon.co.uk, it should ask if you want to switch to [smile.amazon](http://smile.amazon.com) to support your charity.

If you have any queries please email chairfairviewpta@gmail.com

Board of Governors' Annual Report

The Annual Report for 2019/20 is available, on request, for any parent from the school office.

Dogs on School Premises

A number of dogs have been in the school grounds over the last week and we would politely request that dogs are not brought into school as is policy of the Education Authority. Thank you for your co-operation.