



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.

Safety at School Gates

It has been reported to school that a child recently ran out in front of a car which was leaving the car park at home time. It is important that if your child is not in the car waiting for a sibling that a close eye is kept on them whilst they enjoy a bit of fresh air. We would hate for there to be an accident which could have been easily avoided. Thank you.

Diary Dates 2020

Harvest Assemblies in Classes	Friday, 16th October
Parent Teacher Interview Week - (See below)	Monday, 19th - Friday, 23rd October
Early finishing times for PT interviews - (See below)	Wednesday, 21st & Thursday, 22nd October
School finishes for half term (normal closure times)	Friday, 23rd October
Half Term Week	Monday, 26th October - Friday, 30th October
School restarts at individual class times	Monday, 2nd November

Covid Reminders

Firstly I would like to thank all our parents and carers for your understanding and support last weekend when we reported our first confirmed coronavirus case. As we approach half term, we know that we have been most fortunate as a school community thus far, but we also know that there may be more classes or 'bubbles' self-isolating in the weeks and months that lie ahead. We continue to focus on all the measures we have in place to keep both pupils and staff safe but are also aware of how much the virus is spreading within and beyond our community. I would like to acknowledge how much we appreciate you working with us to minimise the spread of the virus. Once again, just bear in mind the following:

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
- Please continue to drop your child off at the designated time. We have reduced completely the congestion that was all too familiar first thing in the morning and at the school gates at home time.
- Please do not linger to chat in the school grounds in the morning.
- 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.

Parent Teacher Interviews

Staff are currently in the process of planning times for telephone interviews to discuss with you your child's progress so far this term. You will be scheduled for a 10 minute telephone call and a letter giving you your time will soon be sent home. We would ask that you do your very best to be able to receive the call. If the time does not suit, then please do message your child's teacher to rearrange a time. Unfortunately it is not possible to do the calls outside of the school day and video calls will not be facilitated if requested. Please look out for 'No Caller ID' around your designated time.

As per normal practice, pupils will leave school early on Wednesday 21st and Thursday 22nd October to facilitate these meetings. The departure times will have to be staggered as we cannot release all our pupils at one time. The times are as listed below. Traditionally there are a number of children not collected on early finishing days but I would ask you to make sure you are there for your child as we are not able to mix children and consequently the bubble.

P6 & P7	- 12 noon	P3	- 12.15pm
P5	- 12.05pm	P2	- 12.20pm
P4	- 12.10pm	P1	- 12.30pm

Harvest

You should have received a letter via SeeSaw from your child's teacher about our Harvest assembly to be held, in class, on Friday 16th October. This is an assembly which has been created by our friends Phil and Rachel from CEF. We would like your child to bring in one item from the list which will go to the Newtownabbey foodbank. All items will be quarantined before being collected by Michelle from Ballyclare Presbyterian Church the following week. Thank you for helping so many families in need during what remains a difficult time for many.

Autumn Blitz Week

As with many things this year, our 'Blitz Day' looked a little different. Instead of having one Blitz Day, we ran it over a week with each class having a session outside to help tidy our school grounds. The children have been busy sweeping, weeding, gathering fruit and planting in preparation for Spring. It's always lovely to see our children taking pride in their school grounds.

Great Science Share - Ambassador Status!

For the last few years, we have held a Great Science Share at the end of June to showcase all the wonderful science going on in classrooms throughout the school. Pupils enjoy sharing with their peers but also talking about their science, and understanding of science, to parents, governors and even inspectors and local politicians. The buzz in the assembly hall is a clear endorsement of the engagement between pupils and their audience.

Last year, with lockdown, The Great Science Share happened at home. All year groups encouraged science linked to topics and our locality and the response from pupils, and their parents, was phenomenal. We bombarded twitter @FairviewFPS with pictures and videos of pupils investigating, exploring, observing and communicating. We were delighted to be chosen as a showcase school and became a focus for a day on the Great Science Share website.

Subsequently, we have been awarded Ambassador Status for the great science going on in our school and the willingness to share our science throughout the UK. Well done to all our staff, pupils and parents for getting involved but a special word of thanks to Mr McAllister for his relentless pursuit of outstanding Science practice in school!



Airpods - Found

A set of AirPods were found this week just outside the gates. Please contact the office if they are yours.