FS Curriculum Newsletter

Welcome back!

The children have all settled into school life extremely well. They have enjoyed exploring their new classroom and meeting new friends.

As a class, we have discussed some class rules and all the pupils are working hard to try and get onto the rainbow/star or to receive a spot on their teddy.

Here are some photos of some of the areas of the classroom that the children have really enjoyed.

Reminders

In the summer term, you received lots of information from us. Below are some key reminders for you. If you have any questions, please come and speak to myself or Mrs Philips. We are always happy to help.

- Key adults in the room: Mrs Harrison (Assistant Head & class teacher), Mrs Philips (Nursery Nurse), Mrs Kane (LSA) and Mrs Warner (LSA).

- Every Tuesday, Ms Hill will be in Cyprus class.

- Doors open at 8.45 am and again at 3.15 pm. Please try and arrive on time in the morning so that you can help your child put their things away and choose an activity.
- All Foundation Stage (FS), Year 1 and Year 2 pupils are entitled to a free hot school dinner. There is water available in the dining hall or they can buy a drink from the kitchen (30p a day) or bring in a healthy, non-fizzy drink to be kept in their drawer (please write their name on it).

- Your child has been given a water bottle, which they need to bring to school every day (water only).

- Every day the FS pupils will take part in physical education, however they do not need a separate P.E. kit or plimsolls which enable us to maximise the time we have in the hall. Please remove your child’s earrings in the morning or see Mrs Harrison to sign a permission slip to enable us to put earring tape over their earrings.

- Please ensure all clothes, coats and lunch boxes are clearly named. We thank you for your support.

- Every day your child will receive milk, toast and fruit.

- Milk: Up to the age of 5 they will receive free milk as part of the ‘Cool milk’ scheme. After your child turns 5, you will need to pay for milk through the cool milk scheme. You have all received a Cool Milk letter which needs to be returned to Cool Milk before they turn 5 to enable them to still receive milk.

- Parent pay – This will be used to pay for toast and it will also be used for trips and any after school based activities they may attend in the future.

- The themes for the term are Settling In, Ourselves, Family and Harvest. You will receive more information on these themes as the term progresses.

  **Reading Olympics**

- Once all the pupils have settled in, your child will start to bring home a reading book to share, which you can read to your child, and a sound/key word book. Please practise these at least three times a week. When we feel your child is ready they will also bring a book home that they will practise to read themselves. You will receive more information on this as the term progresses.

We are also continuing to run Reading Olympics at Fairfield starting the week commencing 1st October for the FS pupils. Children will have a reading diary which needs to be signed with the book title and date recorded each time your child reads to you at home. It would also be great if you could make a small comment. We expect children to read at home with an adult three times a week. This is linked to in-school rewards and displays. Please make sure you keep reading regularly and signing the book. Thank you for your support.

  **Achievement Tree**

We have an achievement tree in the classroom, which enables you to share with us any achievements your child has at home. You will receive leaves to take home so that you can
write or stick photos on them to celebrate their success e.g. being kind, helpful, putting their coat on for the first time, sharing, counting to 5/10, writing their name and so on. Please give any completed leaves to a member of staff in the FS, so that we can add it to our tree with your child. Thank you. We look forward to reading all about their achievements at home.

**Parent Voice Sheets**

Throughout the year I will send you a range of parent voice sheets on different areas of learning. On the sheet you will get the opportunity to share with us your child’s successes in a particular area. When you receive one please complete the parent voice sheets as soon as possible and return them to any FS member of staff. We look forward to hearing all about your child’s successes at home.

**Earwig**

Thank you to all the parents who have returned the Earwig permission slips. If you haven’t returned your slip please return the form to us by next week. Once we have all the permission slips we will be able to start using Earwig in the FS and it will enable you to see some of the learning that is taking place at school.

**General Information**

We will put onto the school website any letter correspondence from us to you, and we’ll do this as soon as possible following the letter being issued. You will be able to locate these in the tab ‘Letters’ on the school website www.fairfieldcpschool.co.uk. Further copies of the letters will also be available from the school office. There is also a Fairfield App available which can send you notifications each time something new is added to the website.

During times of poor weather, school closures will be notified via a text message and will also be posted onto the school website, via the school twitter account and also the local radio station – ‘Radio Leicester’. So if in doubt check one of those.

There will also be a Home/School Agreement, Data Information and Parental Consent form coming out soon that we would like all parents/carers to complete and return to school at your earliest convenience. Please remember to notify the office of any changes to your personal contact details as and when these arise.

Fairfield school will be preparing a Harvest Festival presentation for the FS parents this term. You will receive further information on this.

**Important Dates**

**Harvest performance** - 4th October at 9.30am.
**Parent’s Evening** - 9th (5-8.30pm), 10th (3.30-4.10 FS ONLY) & 11th (3.30-6.30pm) October
**School Photo’s (individual)** - 11th October
**Half Term** - 15th – 19th October
**Protective Behaviours Lessons Begin** - 22nd October. More information will follow.
Parents open morning – Maths focus. 1st November. TBC
Christmas Decoration Morning – 7th December (9-10.45am) TBC
Christmas Fayre – 7th December 3.30-5pm TBC
FS/KS1 performance – 12 & 13th December
Carols around the estate – 13th December (6-7.30pm)
Panto trip (Peter Pan) -20th December morning
FS/KS1 Christmas party -14th December
Christmas Jumper and Toy Day -21st December
Christmas Holiday -24th December 2018 – 4th January
School opens to children -8th January

We are looking forward to a great term!

Thank you for your support!

Mrs Harrison
Assistant Head