Dear Parents and Carers,

On Thursday 26th October we had a visit from three Executive head teachers, as part of the monitoring work currently undertaken by the Symphony Learning Trust (Academy). The outcomes of the visit were very positive with strengths seen in the teaching and learning and the children's behaviour for learning was viewed as outstanding.

New staff
We welcome Mrs Juniper-Smith, Mrs Deakin and Mrs West who have been appointed as new lunchtime supervisors following the departure of Mrs Love and Mrs Colclough, who have taken on more full time employment elsewhere. We also welcome Mr Norman who has been appointed as a new teaching assistant at both Fairfield and Glenhills, supporting reading two days per week.

PTA (Friends of Fairfield)
The Halloween disco was very well attended and I thank all the staff and PTA for their support (without them our Disco's wouldn't happen!!). We now look forward to the Christmas Fayre on Friday 1st December, the Carols around the estate on Wednesday 13th December and our PTA Christmas Disco's on Wednesday 20th.

Sports
The children have been a credit to the school in their representation at sporting events. A huge thanks also goes to the staff for their commitment in providing opportunities for the children to shine.

Football:
The Year 5/6 team played their first league game against Glenhills and were beaten 7 - 2. Difficult one for Mr S but the Fairfield boys gave their all and showed great attitude and determination.

Netball: The Year 6 netball team played their first full competitive game this half term against Parklands Primary School and successfully beat them 12-1. Hopefully the boys and girls will continue to work hard on developing those core skills in preparation for the Oadby & Wigston area schools competition.

Running: The children representing the school have competed in two events at Presswell Hall (3rd event this Saturday), as well as three separate cross country events at the Wigston Academy. Congratulations to all the children who have competed, and for the improvements they have made. At the last Oadby and Wigston event we had 23 pupils running, several finishing in the top 10 which was brilliant. Well done all the children!! A special congratulations goes to our Year 6 girls who won the small school's cup for their collective results over 3 race events. Well done Lexi M, Ysabel, Jess S, Ruby T and Sakina.
Charities
Thanks for all the support you have given the school & the elected charities this term. We raised an amazing £1171.70 for the fitness in school programme. Half the money went to LOROS, the other half has been used by the school to purchase whole school reading and math’s resources.
Children in Need this year was a smashing occasion with lots of spotty attire worn. We raised a super £223.85 for this fantastic cause! I was amazed at the number of personalised spotty t-shirts made. Brilliant!!

Open afternoon:
We have an open afternoon planned on Thursday 7th December at 2p.m for new parents to visit the school. Please contact the school on 0116 2782424 if you’d like to visit and are planning for your child to start at Fairfield in August 2018.

St. Thomas Church
Miss Hill attended the Remembrance Service at St Thomas’s church on 12th November to lay a wreath on behalf of Fairfield school, in memory of all the lives that have been lost/injured.

Up and coming events:
Sunday 17th December
6pm- Carols by Candlelight. Come and sing your favourite carols and hear the story of Christmas.
Sunday 24th December (Christmas Eve)
5pm- Christingle Service.
Monday 25th December (Christmas Day)
10am Christmas Morning Eucharist- traditional Christmas morning service with Carols and Holy Communion.

Afterschool care (to help with that Christmas rush!)
Have you thought about booking your child into the after school care facility we offer at school, to enable you to do all those necessary Christmas jobs e.g. shopping/wrapping? Children are able to stay straight from school till 6p.m with food provided and lots of fun things for the children to do. One off daily bookings can be made. Simply contact the office on 0116 2782424.

House Points so far (up to Nov 24th 2017)
- Tiger 3566 points
- Leopard 3684 points
- Jaguar 3420 points
- Puma 3390 Points

Use of the Fairfield ‘Chester Building’ (Community Wing):
Fairfield Chester Building is available for hire for all sorts of events, either one off occasions or regular weekly, monthly events e.g. children parties, meetings, clubs etc. The building is fully air conditioned, has a small kitchen, toilet facilities and an interactive whiteboard.
Please note you can hire the Chester Building for less than or more than 4 hours as required.
To hire the building please contact the school office on either 0116 2782424 or email on office@fairfd.leics.sch.uk
Current users of the Chester Building are; Weight Watchers (Saturday a.m) & Tai Chi (Tuesday evenings).

Key Date Reminders leading to Christmas (please also refer to our school calendar - see website)
- 29th November: Yr3 final swimming session
- 30th November: Yr 3 performance to parents at 2.30p.m
- 1st December: Christmas decorations morning 9.15a.m - 10.45a.m for parents, followed by tea in the hall 10.45-11.15a.m
- 1st December 3.30p.m - 5.30p.m: Christmas Fayre
- 6th December: Yr4 swimming commences
- 7th December: Open afternoon 2p.m for new parents with children commencing August 2018
- 11th December: Flu immunisation Yrs R - 6.
- 13th & 14th December: KS1 Christmas performances to parents/grandparents.
- 13th December: PTA Carols around the estate 6p.m - 7p.m followed by refreshments back at school.
- 15th December: Infant Christmas Party (p.m)
- 18th December: Whole school pantomime visit 'Beauty & the Beast' (a.m)
- 18th December: Yrs 3 & 4 Christmas Party (p.m)
- 19th December: Yrs 5 & 6 Christmas Party (p.m)
- 20th December: Final day (Christmas jumper & games day)
- 20th December: Christmas discos Infants 6-7p.m, Junior 7.15-8.15p.m

Mr Tuckwell (Head of School) & Mr Sutcliffe (Executive head)