Wednesday 11th July 18

Dear Parents and Carers,

Huge congratulations and well done to all our Year 2 and 6 children, who have worked so hard this year to achieve the very best in their SATs tests/Yr2 Secret Agent Tasks (May 18). We are very proud of all our children at Fairfield with the hard work and effort they continue to put into their learning. Year 6 results were out yesterday and it is pleasing to report our combined results - % of children achieving expected in Reading, Writing and Maths was 65% (above national). These are our best results to date!

Thank you to everyone for the continued support with the Reading Olympics, and our aim to promote a love of reading with the children. The parental support in this area has been very good across the school so I thank you.

Hopefully you will have noticed the work we continue to put into the building and surrounding areas of the school. Over Easter, the Car park was re-organised to create more car parking spaces and to make it more aesthetically pleasing. It is a huge improvement!

This summer will see the development of a new entrance area, with the work commencing on Friday 13th July. We hope that it will make our entrance area for pupils, parents and visitors more appealing and larger in size.

We have also been given the green light by the Council to have some bollards positioned on some pavements directly outside the school. Hopefully this will deter parking in areas that have made it both difficult and dangerous for our children arriving at & leaving school.

PTA Summer Fete (30th June) - £1361 raised!
This was another super event at Fairfield on Saturday 30th June. The weather was great and the steady flow of parents & children from the school and community was lovely to see. Thanks to everyone for showing support and spending lots of monies. A big thumbs up to the staff, the children in Year 5 (who organised some brilliant games) and of course the PTA, who gave up their time voluntarily to organise and put on an event of this nature. Brilliant! Can I also add, the PTA members have also raised around £250 through the sale of ice poles/lollies after school. These clearly have been very well received, on some incredibly hot days, by both parents and children. A thank you also needs to be made to Mr Anthony Dove who kindly paid for an ice pole for every child in the school on the two Fridays leading directly up to our school fete!

Year 6 Residential visit to Weymouth
Wow…. The Year 6 children had a fantastic trip down to Weymouth and reports back to school were amazing, even though no red squirrels were observed on Brownsea Island!

Sam also celebrated his birthday there.
Seeking out the Gruffalo at Beaumanor and a visit to Twin Lakes
The summer term has seen our Reception and Year 1 children embark on a super day out to Beaumanor Hall, Woodhouse Eaves. The children had a lovely time searching for the Gruffalo and joining in with some fun games and activities.

Our Year 2 children also had a fantastic day at Twin Lakes in Melton Mowbray. Here is a photo of them enjoying a bouncy ride on the Dizzy Dune Buggies.

Year 4 win a National Competition at the Literacy Film Festival
For the second year running, our Year 4 children have been successful in their work on a Tale Unfold project, the 'Kitchen Kid'. The Year 4's chicken couscous instructions text was then made into a film, with Youtube kids visiting Fairfield to professionally edit our project. You can view this on Youtube if you search for kitchen kid Fairfield. Apparently it has had 5000 hits!

Governor visit
In late May, two of our Governors had a wonderful visit to the school to observe some of our very able children working on a range of challenges. The report from our governors was very pleasing and in line with our action plans to further improve.

School Nurse Service
The School Nurse team for Wigston area include School Nurse Tracy Dickens, School Nurse Assistant Lucy Warden-Watson and our school nurse Lindsey Franks.

The School Nurse team provide a confidential service and aim to help and support the physical and emotional wellbeing of children, young people and their families. To contact the team over the summer or at other times of the year call 0116 2642693.

In addition, why not visit the School Nurse website www.healthforkids.co.uk. This website is aimed at children, young people, parents/carers, and has fun and interactive health advice and support.

Trust Award Ceremony
It was lovely to have three pupils from Fairfield nominated and awarded for their outstanding contribution/achievements at a recent Symphony Learning Trust event. Well done to Riley, Scarlet and Freddie.

School App
Hopefully many of you have been able to download our new School App. It is advisable to have notifications switched on so that you keep up to date with what's happening at Fairfield.

Staffing News
We say farewell to both Mrs Norman and Mrs Mitchell who both move to pastures new to progress their careers. We welcome Miss Eassom (Year 4) & Mrs Duffy (Year 3) to our team commencing in August 2018.

Use of Chester Building
A number of community groups continue to hire the Chester building on a weekly basis. These are Weight Watchers on a Saturday morning 9.30a.m - 10.30a.m & Tai Chi on a Tuesday evening 7.30 - 8.30p.m. After the summer, Weight Watchers will also hire the school hall on a Tuesday evening 6p.m - 7.30p.m

The Chester building is also available to be hired on an ad-hoc basis and we encourage anyone interested in using this fully equipped facility to contact Mrs Tundall (Business Manager at Fairfield) on 0116 2782424.

Holiday requests
We have seen an increase in holiday requests at Fairfield in 2017/18. Can I remind parents, whilst we look carefully at the exceptional circumstances of these requests and your child's current attendance over a 12 month period, holidays within term time are not generally authorised and may lead to a fine being imposed. We, like all schools, view attendance as being vital to the progress and attainment of all our pupils at Fairfield.
Sport

The boys and girls have again performed really well in a variety of inter-school sporting events this term.

Year 2 T-Ball
In June, the Year 2 children went down to SWHS to play a number of T-Ball matches against Glenhills & Parkland Primary Schools. It was lovely to hear how well they had played as a team and to be unbeaten was testament to that team spirit.

Sports Day
Infants
Congratulations to the overall winning team: Puma Green
And the winners of the sprints
Year R: Jack
Year 1: Holly
Year 2: Finn

Juniors
Congratulations to the overall winning team: Leopard Orange
And the winners of the sprints
Year 3: Cameron
Year 4: Seb
Year 5: Roman
Year 6: Freddie

Year 6 netball team
The Year 6 netball team has won three trophies this year which has been amazing! The team won the Oadby & Wigston tournament at SWHS. This was then followed up by winning the South Leicestershire tournament. Having also won the Wigston league, beating some of the Wigston Primary Schools, the team played the winning side from the Oadby Primary schools, Brookside. This match was played last week with Fairfield coming out on top 15-6, meaning Fairfield are the Oadby & Wigston netball league winners 2018.

As representatives of Oadby & Wigston, Fairfield played in the Leicestershire School Games Final. Beaten only once by the eventual winners & finishing 3rd overall, Fairfield has had a fantastic year! Well done!

House Points Winners this Year 2017/18
Congratulations goes to the Tiger House

Tiger 9230
Leopard 8973

Jaguar 8934
Puma 8521

Key dates
- Children back in school on Thursday 30th August. (28th/29th are teacher training days)
- Children in Year 3 will commence swimming on 6th September.

Wishing you all a happy and relaxed summer break.
Come on England!! Is it coming home?
See you on the 30th August 2018

Mr. Tuckwell, Mr. Sutcliffe and all the staff