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 Wednesday, Mrs Piazza will be in Cyprus class.

- Doors open at 8.45 am and again at 3.15pm. 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 the tray above their drawers (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 your child will be asked 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 Reward Scheme

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 before half term they will receive 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.

After half term, once the children have been given their own book to read, we will be launching a new reading reward system. We will need you to write in your child’s Reading Record Book when they read with you at home. This needs to have a comment which is signed and dated. Each child will also have a Reading Passport which also needs to be signed and dated when your child reads for 5 minutes at home (4+ and KS1) per day. This will then entitle your child to trade in a completed Reading Passport for fabulous prizes!

Achievement Tree
We have an achievement tree in the classroom, which enables you to share with us any achievements your child has at home. Throughout the year, you will receive leaves to take home and we would like you to 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.

Tapestry

This year we will be using Tapestry, an online Learning Journey, to record some of your children’s work. You will receive a letter soon with more information which will include a permission slip that we will need you to return as soon as possible. Once we have all the permission slips we will be able to start using Tapestry 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 ‘News and Events’ on the school website www.fairfieldcpschool.co.uk. Further copies of the letters will also be available from the school office.

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 form coming out soon that we would like you to share with your child and then complete and return the form 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

Please refer to the Parent calendar sent out in September and on our website.

Key dates
Tuesday 8th Oct (5p.m – 8.30p.m) and Thursday 10th Oct (3.30p.m-6.30p.m): Parent’s evening

Thursday 10th Oct: Individual Photographs

**Half term: 14th – 18th October**

Flu immunisation (nasal spray) date TBC

Monday 21st October: Protective Behaviour Lessons (4 weeks focus)

Thursday 24th October: Harvest Assembly 9.30a.m. Any kind donations of fresh, tinned, packets will be greatly received.

Friday 15th November: Children in Need (Charity Day)

Thursday 28th November: Parent maths open morning (Letter to follow)

Friday 6th December: Parent decorations morning TBC (Letter to follow)

Friday 6th December: Christmas Fayre TBC

Thursday 12th December p.m & Friday 13th December a.m: FS & KS1 Christmas performances

Wednesday 18th December: School discos TBC

Thursday 19th December: De-Montfort Hall whole school pantomime visit ‘Aladdin’.

Friday 20th December: Final day of term (Toy day)

**Christmas Holiday: Monday 23rd December – Monday 6th Jan**

Tuesday 7th January 2020: Children back into school

We are looking forward to a great term!

Thank you for your support!

Mrs Harrison

Assistant Head