

FAIRHOUSE primary SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER - 35 (20/06/25)



Happy Friday, Fairhouse Families!

Good afternoon Fairhouse community! This week has been scorching! Please continue to send your children in with a sun hat, sun cream applied and a water bottle. Rest assured, water is readily available in class and at break times from our fountains and lunch halls.

On Tuesday and Wednesday next week, the children will be meeting their new teachers and spending these days in their new classes. They will come into and out of school in their usual way. We fully understand that this can be a worrying time for the children. As is typical for Fairhouse, children in years 1, 3 and 5 are staying with their current classmates. EYFS, years 2 and 4 have been mixed. A lot of care has been taken to ensure that every child is with a known friend. Please support your child by reminding them that change, whilst uncertain, is often positive. They may have felt nervous at this time last year, but they likely settled into their new class quickly and effectively.

In year 1 in Science - Animal parts, the children have identified and labelled the parts of a fish, then worked with their partners to group animals into their 6 different types; amphibians, fish, birds, mammals, reptiles, and invertebrates. Here is a photo of some of our group work where we sorted different animal cards into their categories.



In art, they have been studying James Rizzi. This week they created their own version of his street view artwork. They used bright colours, funny faces and also making elements 3D.



A group of year 5 and 6 pupils were selected to take part in a football tournament at the Willows, involving all of our trust schools. Congratulations to both teams, but a special mention to the girls' team who placed 3rd!

We would like to remind everyone to please drive with caution and be aware of children walking close to the school and crossing the roads. We have had a number of reports of near misses with vehicles driving and reversing at speed outside our school. Please also be considerate of our neighbours when dropping off and collecting your children from school. We continue to receive complaints from local residents regarding parents / carers parking across & blocking entrances / driveways at Napier Close and Fairhouse Court during drop off and pick up times.

And Finally, you will be aware from Mrs Hamilton's letter sent out earlier today that I will be leaving Fairhouse at the end of this academic year to take up a new position of Head of School at Cherry Tree Primary School from September. It has been a pleasure getting to know so many of you over the last five years, I will be very sad to say goodbye but am equally excited to take on a new challenge.

Thank you for your continued support.

Have a lovely weekend.

Mr Davie

<u>ParentPay</u>

Please ensure you keep your ParentPay account in credit to cover any dinners booked for your child.

If your account accrues arrears of two meals (£4.60) or more your child WILL NOT be able to book any further school dinners and you MUST provide them with a packed lunch until the arrears are cleared.

Please note that from September 2025 the cost of a school dinner will increase to £2.40.

School Dinner Menu - Week Three

23rd - 27th June 2025

<u>Monday</u>

Cheese & Tomato Quiche Pizza Pinwheel Jacket Potato with Cheese & Beans

Tuna Mayo Baguette Seasonal Fruit Medley

<u>Tuesday</u>

Sweet & Sour Chicken Nuggets Sweet & Sour Veggie Nuggets Jacket Potato with Cheese & Beans Strawberry Jam Sandwich Ice Cream Tub

Wednesday

Roast Gammon, Yorkie Pud & Gravy Rainbow Vegetable Omelette Jacket Potato with Cheese & Beans Cheese Bap

Chocolate Cupcake

<u>Thursday</u>

Beef Bolognese Veggie Bolognese Jacket Potato with Cheese & Beans Ham Wrap Jelly

<u>Friday</u>

Fish Fingers Veggie Fingers Jacket Potato with Cheese & Beans Egg Mayo Sandwich Fruity Friday

Fairhouse Weekly Attendance Table

Elephants	95%
Pandas	84.8%
Hedgehogs	92%
Tigers	93.7%
Macaws	96%
Rhinos	97.7%
Jaguars	95.4%
Vaquitas	96.3%
Belugas	94.8%
Sea Otters	91.4%
Gorillas	91%
Saolas	91.8%
Galapagos Penguins	95%
Sea Turtles	94.7%

Well done to Rhinos (KS1) and Vaquitas (KS2) who have earned the company of our attendance bears Fred and Freda in class next week.



Unfortunately, this week, attendance was lower than it has been recently, meaning that none of our classes achieved 98% to earn them a spin on the wheel.

A special mention to the children below who have displayed some of our core values this week:

Class	Child	Core Value
Galapagos Penguins	Willow	Kindness
Sea Turtles	Emily	Kindness
Gorillas	Abigail	Responsibility
Saolas	Sophie	Kindness
Belugas	Maisie	Responsibility
Sea Otters	Ricki	Kindness
Jaguars	Tauras	Responsibility
Vaquitas	Alex	Kindness
Macaws	Charissa	Responsibility
Rhinos	Elliott	Respect
Hedgehogs	Dominic	Courage
Tigers	Arlo	Responsibility
Elephants	Freddie	Responsibility
Pandas	Ryan	Responsibility

Dates for your Diary



<u>Tuesday, 24th - Wednesday, 25th June 2025</u> Fairhouse 'Move Up' Days

> <u>Thursday, 26th June 2025</u> Year 5 Greek Day

Monday, 30th June 2025 Sports Day

Tuesday, 1st - Friday, 4th July 2025

EYFS Learn to Ride with Dr Bike

Thursday, 3rd July 2025

Berlesduna Academy Trust Swimming Gala Fairhouse Choir at Basildon Music Festival Year 1 Sharing Assembly - 2.40pm

Friday, 4th July 2025

Fairhouse Summer Bounce Event

Monday, 7th July 2025 Reserve Sports Day

Tuesday, 8th July 2025

Year 4 Trip - Horniman Museum Year 3 Sharing Assembly - 2.40pm

Wednesday, 9th - Friday, 11th July 2025

Year 6 Residential Trip

<u>Thursday, 10th July 2025</u> Archie Project Summer Picnic 1.20pm & 2.05pm

> <u>Tuesday, 15th July 2025</u> Whole School Open Evening Year 5 Sharing Assembly - 2.40pm

> <u>Wednesday, 16th July 2025</u> Year 2 Sharing Assembly - 2.40pm

> > Thursday, 17th July 2025

Year 4 Sharing Assembly - 9.15am EYFS & KS1 & Year 3, 4 & 5 Disco's: 4 - 5.30pm Year 6 Leavers Disco: 5.45 - 7.15pm

> Friday, 18th July 2025 Last Day of Term

Monday, 21st & Tuesday, 22nd July 2025 Inset / Non-Pupil Day

Monday, 1st & Tuesday, 2nd September 2025 Inset / Non-Pupil Day

> Wednesday, 3rd September 2025 Back to School

Breakfast Club

Breakfast Club MUST be pre-booked via ParentPay. Bookings should be made 24hrs in advance.

Breakfast club runs from 8am - 8.40am and costs £2 per child per day. Last entry is at <u>8.15am</u>.

Parents <u>MUST</u> accompany their child to the main doors by the office where they will be met and registered by a member of staff. Various breakfast options will be available such as cereal, toast & crumpets as well as fresh juice & milk.

Parking in the local area

Please drive with caution and be aware of children outside the school, there have been a few near misses with vehicles driving and reversing at speed.

Please also be considerate of our neighbours when dropping off and collecting your children from school. We have received a number of complaints from local residents due to parents parking on & blocking the entrances / driveways at Fairhouse Court and Napier Close at drop off and pick up times.



Important information - Term time holidays

Improving school attendance is a key priority for all schools across Essex. Where families choose to take **a family holiday during term time, this can detrimentally impact a pupil's progress and can prevent them** from fulfilling their true academic potential. Our school attendance policy, available via our school website, clearly sets out the process that parents should follow if they wish to apply for leave during term time. Please note that applications should only be made, if you feel that there are exceptional circumstances which mean that the leave cannot be taken during the school holidays. We would ask all parents to note that, where families choose to go on holiday during term time and the absences are coded as unauthorised, Essex County Council may not issue penalty notices and may instead proceed straight to prosecution and place the case directly before the Magistrates for their consideration in court. If found guilty by the Magistrates, parents could face a fine of up to £2,500 and/or 3 months imprisonment.

Studybugs 😏

<u>Studybugs</u>

Fairhouse are using a more efficient and secure system

for messaging parents, called Studybugs. The website & app has an easy to use messaging service which allows us to set up a chat feature with parents to notify you of anything you may need to know about and answer any queries you may have. It is also our absence line service allowing parents to easily notify school of their child's absence.

Please download the free Studybugs app, or register on the Studybugs website.

If you need any assistance in setting this up on your phone, please call into the school office and we will be happy to help.



<u>Break Time Snack</u>

Our snack shop has a range of healthy snacks available daily. Each item costs 50p and children are limited to one item each. If you wish to send your child in with a snack from home

please do try to make sure it is something from our approved snack list.

Key Stage 1 children will continue to receive a piece of fruit as part of the healthy schools initiative.



School Uniform

Our school uniform consists of the following:

- Grey trousers, skirt or pinafore.
- White polo shirt
- Bottle green jumper or cardigan.
- Grey tights.
- Black, grey or white ankle socks.
- Grey shorts or green and white checked summer dress in summer months.
- Black school shoes or ALL BLACK trainers (including black soles no big logos or brand names).

Leggings are **NOT** part of the school uniform and should **NOT** be worn to school.







BERLESDUNA ACADEMY TRUST – VACANCIES

DOWNHAM - FIXED TERM CLASS TEACHER (Full Time) - closing date 2nd July ST NICHOLAS - CARETAKER (12.5 hours per week) - closing date 23nd June WHITMORE - SITE MANAGER (32.5 hours per week) - closing date 30th June

For more information and to apply for any of these exciting opportunities, please follow the link to our website <u>Vacancies</u> - <u>Berlesduna</u> <u>Academy Trust</u>

