



Happy Friday, Fairhouse Families!

I hope you all managed to enjoy the two-week break: it was lovely to welcome the children back to school on Tuesday. It is always difficult returning after two weeks off but everyone has settled back into their routines very well. This is a short half-term, with another bank holiday coming up soon (Monday 5th May), but will undoubtedly be a busy one.

Our year 6 children have been working incredibly hard towards the SATs tests – which are held on the week beginning 12th May. This is the final stretch before the tests and the last chance to cram some knowledge in! Please do continue to support your child with their learning at home.

This week has seen our pupils running a 2 mile mini-marathon in support of Reminiscence Learning. We are very proud of their commitment to this cause and they have supported each other through this difficult task very well. If your child has raised money via sponsorship but has not yet brought it in to school, please do so by the end of next week.



Today, Miss Dunne held a DT day for some of our keen designers across the school. The children were tasked with completing an engineering challenge to design and make tractors in preparation for our entry into the Essex Schools YFC Show competition. This challenge gave pupils the opportunity to use a range of tools and explore a variety of different materials. Their hard work paid off and has resulted in a number of entries to put forward in the hope to win some fantastic prizes for our amazing school. Well done to all the pupils who took part today!



We also re-launched our 'Friendship Fridays' at lunchtime today. Every Friday, our Early Years and Key Stage 1 children will play on the main playground along with the Key Stage 2 children. This has been hugely successful previously: the younger children love the chance to play on the 'big' play area and the older children always showcase how kind, caring and responsible they can be with the younger children.

You should have all received the knowledge organisers for your children before the Easter break. This covers some of the core learning relating to their upcoming topic. It is beneficial to go through this with your child. It will give them a 'head-start' with their learning, which can help lower anxieties and improve confidence. There is more detailed information about what the children are learning on our school website, and this term's learning will be sent out in more detail shortly.

On Wednesday, next week, we have the ACL joining us for a Managing Big Emotions Workshop, this course is for parents & carers to learn practical strategies to help their child navigate and manage overwhelming emotions, fostering resilience and emotional well-being. You can sign up for this workshop via: <https://courses.aclessex.com/CourseDetailsView.asp?ID1=9000&ID2=294517&ID3=1>

Have a lovely weekend

Mr Davie

ParentPay

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.

School Dinner Menu - Week Two

28th April - 2nd May 2025

Monday

Cheese & Leek Pasta Bake

Creamy Tomato Pasta Bake

Jacket Potato with Cheese & Beans

Egg Mayo Bap

Seasonal Fruit Medley

Tuesday

Beef Chilli Con Carne

Vegetarian Chilli Con Carne

Jacket Potato with Cheese & Beans

Strawberry Jam Sandwich

Ice Cream Tub

Wednesday

Roast Chicken, Yorkie Pud & Gravy

Cauliflower & Broccoli Cheese Bake

Jacket Potato with Cheese & Beans

Ham Baguette

Raspberry & Vanilla Sponge Cake

Thursday

Meatballs in Tomato Sauce

Veggie Meatballs in Tomato Sauce

Jacket Potato with Cheese & Beans

Cheese Wrap

Fruit Yogurt

Friday

Fish Fingers

Veggie Fingers

Jacket Potato with Cheese & Beans

Tuna Mayo Sandwich

Fruity Friday

Fairhouse Weekly Attendance Table

Elephants	92.1%
Pandas	95.8%
Hedgehogs	87.5%
Tigers	98.1%
Macaws	94.6%
Rhinos	94%
Jaguars	99.2%
Vaquitas	95.8%
Belugas	99.6%
Sea Otters	99.1%
Gorillas	82.8%
Saolas	97.8%
Galapagos Penguins	100%
Sea Turtles	96.7%

Well done to Tigers (KS1) and Galapagos Penguins (KS2) who have earned the company of our attendance bears Fred and Freda in class next week. Also to Tigers, Jaguars, Belugas, Sea Otters and Galapagos Penguins who have all earned a spin on the attendance prize wheel for achieving over 98% attendance this week. Well done!



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

Class	Child	Core Value
Galapagos Penguins	Brooklyn	Courage
Sea Turtles	Mia G	Responsibility
Gorillas	Kenan	Responsibility
Saolas	Leon	Responsibility
Belugas	Esra	Respect
Sea Otters		
Jaguars	Carter	Responsibility
Vaquitas	Max	Responsibility
Macaws	Harry	Courage
Rhinos	Jake	Courage
Hedgehogs	Lukas	Respect
Tigers	Noah H	Responsibility
Elephants	Grayson	Responsibility
Pandas	Ryan	Kindness



Dates for your Diary



Wednesday, 30th April 2025

Managing Big Emotions Workshop 9am-11am

Monday, 5th May 2025

Early May - Bank Holiday

Wednesday, 7th May 2025

Whole School Class Photos

Thursday, 8th May 2025

VE Day Celebrations

Tuesday, 20th May 2025

New Intake 2025 Welcome Meeting: 5 - 6pm

Monday, 26th - Friday, 30th May 2025

Half Term

Monday, 2nd June 2025

Back to School

Monday, 30th June 2025

Sports Day - More info to follow

Tuesday, 1st - Friday, 4th July 2025

EYFS Learn to Ride with Dr Bike - More info to follow

Thursday, 3rd July 2025

Berlesduna Academy Trust Swimming Gala

Friday, 4th July 2025

Fairhouse Summer Bounce Event

Monday, 7th July 2025

Reserve Sports Day

Wednesday, 9th - Friday, 11th July 2025

Year 6 Residential Trip

Tuesday, 15th July 2025

Whole School Open Evening

Thursday, 17th July 2025

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 8.15am.

Parents **MUST** 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.



FREE GIRL'S FOOTBALL



HAVE FUN MAKE FRIENDS PLAY FOOTBALL

- LARGEST FA WILDCATS CENTRE IN THE AREA
- OPPORTUNITIES TO JOIN TEAMS
- AWARD WINNING COACHES
- WEST HAM SISTER CLUB
- TRAIN AT BARLEYLANDS, BILLERICAY





FOR DETAILS EMAIL
FCREDWINGGIRLS@GMAIL.COM
 OR CALL 07977 416 044



 SISTER CLUB

COMPASS

A partnership of domestic abuse services providing a response in Essex

Essex Domestic Abuse Helpline:

0330 333 7 444

Make a referral:

AGENCY

or

SELF REFERRAL

General enquiries: enquiries@essexcompass.org.uk

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

Studybugs

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.



Break Time Snack

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.



Essex Fire Museum Open Days

2025



Tuesday 15th & Sunday 27th April
10:30AM To 4:00PM
Fire Station, Hogg Lane, Grays
RM17 5QS

Book Now →



Museum@essex-fire.gov.uk



VE Day celebrations!

On 8th May 2025 Fairhouse Primary will be holding a 'Street Party' themed lunch in the hall. Children are invited to dress up as an evacuee or in red, white and blue.

Essex Wellbeing Service

Find out more at:
essexwellbeingsservice.co.uk
 or contact us on:
0300 303 9988



Smart Watches



Please note that smart watches that allow photos or video footage to be taken and / or have access to games and / or have cellular / internet connectivity are not permitted in school.



BASILDON BOROUGH HERITAGE SOCIETY

Proudly present a display of photos,
 newspaper reports and historical artefacts
 in memory of the years of World War Two
 at

The Green Centre
Wat Tyler Country Park
Pitsea Hall Lane
Pitsea SS16 4UH

Every day from Saturday 3rd May to Saturday
10th May 2025 inclusive from 10am to 4pm
 (Including Sunday and Bank Holiday Monday)



No entry fee - However, all voluntary donations offered are gratefully received. Registered Charity No. 1176037



Thursday 8th May 2025 marks the
80th anniversary of VE Day.

To commemorate this anniversary we have
 arranged with the Council to light the
 special Beacon at Wat Tyler Park.
 You are cordially invited to join us.

Free entry - Free car parking



9.00pm - Programme
commences

9.30pm - Lighting of
the Beacon

11.00pm - Park gates
are locked

THE ON-SITE KIOSK
WILL BE OPEN FOR THE
PURCHASE OF LIGHT
REFRESHMENTS



Basildon Heritage will also be displaying
 a selection of photos and artefacts from
 WW2 in the Green Centre at Wat Tyler
 Park every day from 3rd May until 10th
 May between 10am and 4pm.

Wat Tyler Park
is located at
Pitsea Hall
Lane SS16 4UH

