

# FAIRHOUSE primary SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER - 31 (16/05/25)



### Happy Friday, Fairhouse Families!

This week, I need to start by congratulating the year 6 children. They have worked so hard all year towards their SATS and they have completed them this week. These tests put them under huge pressure, but they have coped with it well. We are very proud of you all.

On Monday Tiger class went to the local library. They had a wonderful time!



Year 5 have been putting their Hollywood hats on and been taking part in some acting. This week we turned ourselves into the character of Hercules, in preparation to write a sequel story to the famous tale next week.





We are launching our first ever, 'Fairhouse Enterprise Week', from Monday 19th - Friday 23rd May. The children will take part in a range of different workshops to gain 'money sense'; important skills that will equip them for life. In KS1 they will explore what money is and how we use it; distinguishing between wants and needs. In year 3, the children will set up their own sweet shop for the day and with a strict budget, and aim to sell their sweets for a profit. In year 4, the children will consider how we can save our pennies and help the environment. In KS2 children will investigate online fraud and learn how to protect

themselves against it. As well as this, we have a host of visitors coming in to chat to our children about the jobs they do and inspire them to aim high.

Here is a link to the Natwest website: there is a very useful parent page to check out! <a href="https://natwest.mvmonevsense.com/home/">https://natwest.mvmonevsense.com/home/</a>

In Year 3 - in our design and technology project, Greenhouses', we will be designing and creating our own mini greenhouses. We explored how to build a strong structure for the greenhouse, using diagonal struts. We did this in miniature, using gummy sweets and cocktails sticks. We tested they're stability and strength (with varying success!) by placing a whiteboard and water bottle on top to see if the structure could hold it. Well done Ray and Mert - budding engineers in Jaguar class.

Year 4 enjoyed their Science unit, exploring electrical circuits. After learning about the components of a circuit and what a simple series circuit needs in order to work, they worked in pairs to create and test their own series circuits, using a range of components including wires, lamps, buzzers and battery/cell.

This week, Year 2 learned about the purposes of many items made from fabric and also studied Cath

Kidston's brand. They then used a sewing pattern, felt, scissors, needle and thread to create their own useable bag tag. Many are looking forward to using them on their next trip away from home!

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.

## <u>School Dinner Menu - Week Two</u>

19th - 23rd May 2025

**Monday** 

#### Cheese & Leek Pasta Bake

Creamy Tomato Pasta Bake

#### Jacket Potato with Cheese & Beans

Egg Mayo Bap

Seasonal Fruit Medley

<u>Tuesday</u>

#### Beef Chilli Con Carne

Vegetarian Chilli Con Carne

Jacket Potato with Cheese & Beans

Strawberry Jam Sandwich

Ice Cream Tub

Wednesday

#### Roast Chicken, Yorkiie Pud & Gravy

Cauliflower & Broccoli Cheese Bake

# Jacket Potato with Cheese & Beans

Ham Baquette

Raspberry & Vanilla Sponge Cake

**Thursday** 

#### Meatballs in Tomato Sauce

Veggie Meatballs in Tomato Sauce

Jacket Potato with Cheese & Beans

Cheese Wrap

Fruit Yogurt

<u>Friday</u>

Fish Fingers

Veggie Fingers

Jacket Potato with Cheese & Beans

Tuna Mayo Sandwich

Fruity Friday

#### Fairhouse Weekly Attendance Table

Elephants	93.3%
Pandas	93.3%
Hedgehogs	96.5%
Tigers	93.3%
Macaws	95.2%
Rhinos	96.6%
Jaguars	94%
Vaquitas	98.3%
Belugas	97.9%
Sea Otters	95.4%
Gorillas	97.1%
Saolas	93.6%
Galapagos Penguins	99%
Sea Turtles	99.7%

Well done to Rhinos (KS1) and Sea Turtles (KS2) who have earned the company of our attendance bears Fred and Freda in class next week. Also to Vaguitas, Galapagos Penguins and Sea

Turtles 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	Everyone	Courage
Sea Turtles	Everyone	Courage
Gorillas	Levi-J	Kindness
Saolas	Enes	Courage
Belugas	Esra	Responsibility
Sea Otters	Ralphie	Courage
Jaguars	Peyton	Courage
Vaquitas	Zac	Courage
Macaws	Logan	Kindness
Rhinos	Tommy	Respect
Hedgehogs	Charlie	Courage
Tigers	Theo	Responsibility
Elephants	Amirah	Responsibility
Pandas	Isabella	Responsibility



### Dates for your Diary



Tuesday, 20th May 2025

New Intake 2025 Welcome Meeting: 5 - 6pm

Wednesday, 21st May 2025

Berlesduna Academy Trust Orienteering Event

Monday, 26th - Friday, 30th May 2025 Half Term

> Monday, 2nd June 2025 Back to School

Wednesday, 4th June 2025

Reception School Trip - Barleylands

Thursday, 5th June 2025

Year 1 School Trip - Call Of The Wild Zoo

Wednesday, 11th June 2025

Year 2 School Trip - Hever Castle

Tuesday, 24th - Wednesday, 25th June 2025

Fairhouse 'Move Up' Days

Thursday, 26th June 2025

Year 5 Greek Day - More info to follow

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 Fairhouse Choir at Basildon Music Festival

Friday, 4th July 2025

Fairhouse Summer Bounce Event

Monday, 7th July 2025

Reserve Sports Day

Tuesday, 8th July 2025

Year 4 Trip - Horniman Museum

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

#### Breakfast Club

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

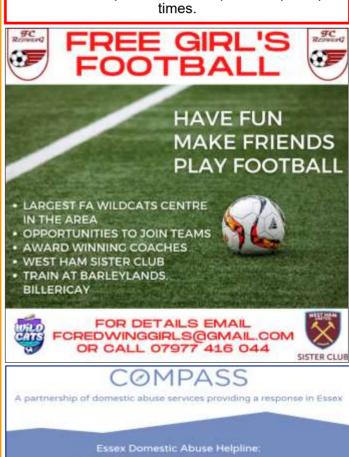
Breakfast club runs from 8am - 8.40am and costs £2 per child per day. Last entry is at 8.15am.

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



0330 333 7 444

AGENCY or SELF REFERRAL

#### <u>Important information - Term time holidays</u>

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 quilty by the Magistrates, parents could face a fine of up to £2,500 and/or 3 months imprisonment.

# Studybugs 💀

#### Studybuas

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).

















# Activities / Achievements



### Year 3 Colchester Castle Trip





























# SUPPORTING A SUCCESSFUL SECONDARY TRANSITIONS (Year 6)

Preparing for the transition to secondary school can be both excling and challenging for families and children in Yr 6. Our 2-hour sessions are designed to help families navigate this important milestone with confidence and ease. By the end of this session, families will be equipped with the tools and knowledge to ensure a smooth and successful transition to secondary school.

> 16/06/2025 1900 - 2100 Online 03/07/2025 1900 - 2100 Online

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# Essex Fire Museum Open Days

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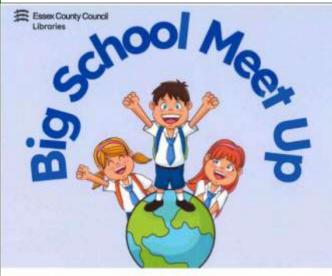
Sunday 25th & Tuesday 27th May 10:30AM To 4:00PM Fire Station, Hogg Lane, Grays RM17 5QS

Book Now





Museum@essex-fire.gov.uk



# **Basildon Library** 28th May at 11:00

A fun, relaxed session for families with children starting school in September. Meet up, chat, enjoy a storytime and get some great starting school tips.













Parent Gentle Relaxation Group £3.50 per session	3 <sup>th</sup> and 27 <sup>th</sup> May 10 <sup>th</sup> and 24 <sup>th</sup> June 8 <sup>th</sup> and 29 <sup>th</sup> July 7.50pm to 8.50pm	Shotgate Community Hall, Wickford
Evening Parent Support Group	22nd May 26th June 17th July 21st August 7.30pm to 9.30pm	St Peter's Church Hall, Nevendon, Nr Sainsburys Wickford/Basildon
Parent Carer Coffee Morning	9 <sup>th</sup> June 14 <sup>th</sup> July 9.30am to 11.30am	Miracle House, Silva Island Way, Wickford
Parent Support Drop-Ins	3" June 1" July 10am to 12 noon	Happy Hub, Eastgate, Nr ASDA, Basildon
0	11 <sup>th</sup> June 9 <sup>th</sup> July 9.50am to 11.50am	Mother's Kitchen, Felmores End, Pitsea
2 Part EHCP Workshop	17th June – 7pm to 9pm 14th July – 6.30pm to 9.30pm	Miracle House, Silva Island Way, Wickford
Meet the OT with Jenne Seibolt	1" July 7.30pm to 9.30pm	Miracle House, Silva Island Way, Wickford

Supporting Autism, ADHD, Anxiety, Dyspraxia, Dyslexia

For more information please small infosmyotas.org or visit

www.ticketsource.co.uk/myotas to book Reg Charity No. 1184723

