



# Fairisle News

Newsletter No. 7

Dear Parents and Carers,

*I do hope that you and your families are all keeping well and safe. Thank you so much for all the kind messages we have received from you during this period of uncertainty, we really appreciate this.*

*The school is now partially open for Nursery, Reception and Year One children.*

*The children work and play in their 'social bubbles' and it has been lovely to see their smiley faces again! They are enjoying seeing their peers and catching up with their learning.*

*We fully understand that some parents do not want to send their child to school yet. Staff will continue to make the welfare calls to your home as it is good to keep in touch.*



Our School Website contains a range of links to Online Learning Activities which we continue to update.

Our 'Coronavirus Tab' in the 'Parents' section of the website also contains many links for parents to access.

*We do not yet know what July looks like and how many children we will be able to invite back. We miss all the children and we are looking forward to seeing them all again, but the safety of the children, staff and families will always be our top priority.*

*I would like to pay my respect to all of our parents who are Key Workers as you have all done an amazing job in your various sectors of work in difficult circumstances.*

*Furthermore, I would also like to thank all parents for supporting your child's learning at home.*

We will continue to keep you updated with any further news we receive via Newsletters, the School Website, 'Ourschoolsapp', Text or Email.

*Best wishes*

**Susanne Ottens**  
Headteacher

## Our Schools App

*To help us continue to ensure to keep everyone up to date during this uncertain period we hope that all Parents have now downloaded and installed 'OurSchoolsApp'.*

If you haven't yet installed this App on your Mobile Phone please type:

ourschoolsapp into the 'search' box in your phone's App Store.



Follow the instructions & select Fairisle Infant & Nursery School  
Postcode: SO16 8BY

Select Fairisle Infant & Nursery School.  
Select Notifications.



Allow All Notification:

This will allow all up to the minute school information—Thank you.

OurSchoolsApp provides an instant form of communication with Parents which I hope everyone will find invaluable during these unprecedented times.

The school will continue to upload all information, updates, letters Newsletters, etc. via the 'Parents' Tab on the School Website.

## School Meals



We are pleased to let you know that Hot School Meals have been able to resume this week.

N.B. There are New School Dinner Menus to cover the remainder of this term From Week Beginning 8 June—13 July 2020.

The above new menus are all available to view on the School Website under the 'Parents Tab' 'Dinner Menu Choices'

Thank you.

## Year 2

Hi Year 2!

I hope that you and your family have all been keeping well. We miss you a lot and can't believe we don't get to share this last term together. It has been lovely to receive emails from some of you letting us know that you have been baking, playing, growing things, and learning online. It is also lovely to hear that many of you have been keeping in touch with each other through the wonderful world of technology.



Some Year 2s are in school as their carers are key workers and since June 1st they have been back doing Reading, Writing, Maths and Topic every-day.



They have found some strange eggs in Miss Darke's cupboard and have been exploring these as they think they are from a dragon!

If you would like to do some of the activities that they have been doing, Email: [parentsy2@fairisle-inf.co.uk](mailto:parentsy2@fairisle-inf.co.uk) and we can send you a list of what they have been doing!

Hopefully we can give you a call again soon. **We miss you!**

## Nursery



In Nursery the staff have been supporting children to adapt to the new routine and environment. We are so proud of how well they have settled! All groups have spent a lot of time outside and made the most of our lovely garden!

Staff have continued to respond to the children's interests so the activities in each group have varied.



Miss Smith's group have been developing their climbing and jumping skills in the garden, and making dens from tables!

Miss Staddon's group have been drawing and painting selfportraits, and engaged in some imaginative play – an ice cream shop!

Miss Harding's group have been looking for bugs and found three beetles!



They have also been playing hide and seek in the garden.

## Year 1

We are so glad that you are keeping safe at home and making special memories with your family and we can't wait to hear all about what you have been doing. We are still missing the children very much and looking forward to seeing them back in school soon. As you know some children are starting to come back to school in small groups. We have prepared the classrooms following Government advice so things are a little different but we remain dedicated to the children's safety and wellbeing with a strong focus on the right to be safe and the right to learn. You may find it useful to share this online book from the literacy trust <https://literacytrust.org.uk/resources/back-nursery-and-reception-wellbeing-resources/>. An Infant School in Surrey has created a short story explaining some of the new routines that will help to prepare your child for their return to school. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XUXDX0WFyno>. We understand that some children may be feeling anxious about their return to school after such a long time off and with this in mind we are making adjustments to the curriculum to put wellbeing at the core, with lots of time to talk and creative activities. Since



1st June our focus moved to a steady timetable where we based our work around the book 'The Snail and the Whale' by Julia Donaldson. We enjoyed writing, phonics and maths sessions, and top-

ic sessions and are so proud of the work we can show in our books. We enjoyed working at our own special bubble tables and the children amazed all adults with their positive attitude, creativity and eagerness. Please take care and in the meantime we hope that the children will enjoy watching the short video that we have created.

<https://youtu.be/ozsORhAjlS0>

## Year R

It has been lovely to welcome back some smiley Year R children!

We have enjoyed planting bean seeds and taking care of them each day.

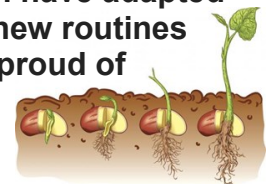
It was fun to get back to practising our phonics and numbers.



We have enjoyed the sun, playing outdoors daily, and our PE lesson this week.

The children have adapted well to our new routines and we are proud of

how they are respecting their right to be safe!



20 July : INSET DAY—Infant School, Sunshine & Rainbow Nursery CLOSED ALL DAY



### New Classes From September 20

From September 2020 the classes will be as follows:

Year R:

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|-----------|---|------------------------|
| Hedgehogs | - | Miss Sousa             |
| Squirrels | - | Miss Chambers          |
| Foxes     | - | Mrs Humby/Mrs Strudley |

Year 1:

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| Leopards (Foxes)*    | - | Miss Hockham             |
| Tigers (Hedgehogs)*  | - | Mrs Du Toit              |
| Lions (Rabbits)*     | - | Mrs Staddon              |
| Panthers (Squirrels) | - | Mrs Sumpter/Miss Doswell |

Year 2:

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| Kingfishers (Tigers)* | - | Mrs Darke              |
| Eagles (Leopards)*    | - | Miss Tivey             |
| Robins (Panthers)*    | - | Miss Marris/Miss Owens |

(\*The classes in brackets show the transfer of classes)

We wish all children a happy transfer and look forward to welcoming children into Year R.

