



Fairisle News

Newsletter No. 2

I am so proud of how well the children have settled into their new routines and making progress in their learning. This Newsletter outlines the curriculum activities and learning children have enjoyed so far, please see below.

The current organisation of school routines seems to be set to continue for at least all the Autumn Term and possibly also the Spring Term.

I will, of course, continue to update you if the situation changes.

It is of uppermost importance that parents continue to follow the school's arrangements for drop-off and pick-up.



Please do not arrive on site before 8.45am to avoid congestion. The gates close at 9.05am.



A reminder that we have a one-way system in place:

Nursery and Year 1 to use the Top Gate Entrance by the Nursery Building.
Year R and Year 2 to use the Fairisle Road Pedestrian Entrance.



All Parents must Leave the site using the Field Exit.
Only 1 x Parent per child please to avoid congestion on site.

Thank you for your co-operation as this will help reduce the risk of infection.

Thank you for respecting Social Distancing whilst on the School Site.

School Photographs

The School Photographer is due to visit on Tuesday 20 October 2020 for Portraits.

Unfortunately, we will **Not** be able to accommodate Family Photos this year.

Safety measures are fully in place to ensure safe working in the school. **The Photographer will wear PPE and their Photographic Equipment is cleaned throughout the day.**

The photographic set will be fronted with a see-through screen and the **position of pupils will be at least 2 metres away.**



Proofs from the shoot and subsequent Photograph Orders will be delivered to the school at **least 72 hours after they were handled by the Photography Staff.**

Please let us know if you Do Not wish for your child to have their Portrait taken.

On-Line Learning

Our website contains a range of Online Learning Activities which you can access if your child is not able to attend school.

The link to Online Learning is listed in the section named:

'Children - Children's Learning Resources'

There is a wealth of resources to support your child's learning.

Please do not hesitate to contact us if you need further signposting.



Year 2

We have had a wonderful start to Year 2 with lots of smiling faces and excited children who have enjoyed seeing their friends again and finally meeting their teachers properly. The first week we got to know more about them (and you) as we did a topic ('All About Me'). It was a great way to get to know them better. The children have adjusted to the new routines of the school brilliantly and we are all really proud of them.

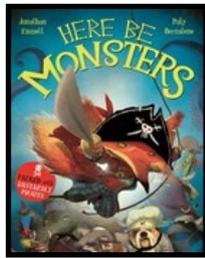
Our topic this half-term is 'Pirates' and we have loved hearing the children's 'Piratey Voices' and finding out about real life Pirates.

We have also been fascinated by the story 'Here Be Monsters' which we have been reading and

finding new words to describe how mean Captain Cut Throat was to his crew.



Year 2 Team

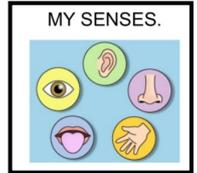


Year 1 Superstars! Our Year 1 children

have amazed us in how well they have settled into their new Year 1 routines. We are already so impressed with how Year 1 are showing us that they can recognise and respect their right to learn. There have been many changes in school but they can recognise how to keep them and others safe while having fun learning at their own special table. In History we are comparing old and new toys. Children are looking at how toys have changed over time. We could not bring in toys from home but we did love looking at photos and drawings from your Homework Task.



During Writing Sessions and Science children focused on 'All About Me' and we looked at our bodies and senses. We are practising our Handwriting by 'starting on the line' and are having a go at using cursive. Thank you for making sure your child reads often as this always makes a huge impact on their progress. We encourage independence and can't wait to see how they blossom and learn throughout the year. All staff are more than happy to answer any questions you might have, just leave us a message. We are looking forward to helping your child with the year ahead.



The Year 1 Team

Year R We have loved welcoming our new Year R children to Fairisle! They have settled quickly into school routine and are enjoying the different parts of the day. We went on a listening walk in Phonics at the beginning of term and we are now beginning to learn our phonic sounds. In Busy Bee the children have been very good at joining in with

Adult Directed activities. We had a 'visit' from Percy the Park Keeper and the children enjoyed helping him look for natural objects in the

outside environments, as well as prepare for his friend's birthday party and build a new home! We have all enjoyed getting to know our classroom environment, as well as explore in the Garden, the playground, the Garden Hub and the shelter! Stay up to date by checking the Memos on Tapestry, including the 'Week Beginning...' Memos which tell you what we will be learning about each week. A few parents have begun to upload observations of what your child has been doing at home. We love to see and celebrate what the children are achieving outside of school!



Sunshine Nursery

Our Nursery Children have made a fantastic start to the term and settled in so well.

In Sunshine Nursery we have been learning Nursery routines and beginning to form relationships with others.



We are currently focusing on an 'All About Me' theme to get to know each other better! We have really enjoyed sharing family photos and our 'All About Me' summer tasks. The weather has been fantastic so we have made the most of the sunshine and spent lots of time outside. The ball pit in the garden has been lots of fun!

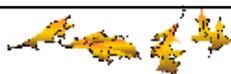


In Rainbow Room we are pleased to welcome our youngest children to the Nursery. The children have made both the staff and their parents proud in how they have settled in. We have been lucky with the weather and the children have spent lots of time exploring the activities in the garden. In particular they have liked the water play and



exploring how their bodies move on the climbing the equipment.

We have also been learning about the topic 'All About Me', reading books, washing babies and drawing self portraits.



Dates For your Diary

- 9 Oct : Young Minds Charity Day 'Dress In Something Yellow'
 W/B 19 Oct : Parent/Teacher Virtual Meetings (Year 1 & Year 2)
 20 Oct : School Photos (Pupil Portraits)

**26 October—30 October Half-Term Holiday**

- 2 Nov : **INSET DAY—**Infant School, Sunshine & Rainbow Nursery
CLOSED ALL DAY
 3 Nov : Children Return to School & Nursery

- 16 Nov : Parent/Teacher Virtual Meetings (Year N & R)
 Further details to follow



- 18 Dec : End of Term

**21 December—1 January 2021 Christmas Holidays**

- 4 Jan : Term Begins—Children Back To School
 12 Feb : **INSET DAY—**Infant School, Sunshine & Rainbow Nursery
CLOSED ALL DAY

15—19 February—Half-Term Holiday

Young Minds Charity Day **Friday 9 October 2020**

**On Friday 9 October 2020 we are asking children to come into school
 'Dressed in Something Yellow' in exchange for a
 £1 donation to the charity 'Young Minds'.**

Lockdown is having a devastating effect on some people's mental health. Young Minds is a UK based charity that provides support for children and young people and their families. Their aim is to promote good mental health to more children than ever before and to meet the needs of vulnerable and excluded children and young people. We hope that you will join us in supporting this worthy case.

YOUNGMINDS

**If you would like any further information then visit their website:
www.youngminds.org.uk**

Important Reminder

Admission to Infant School—Sept. 2021

If your child's birthday falls between 1 Sept. 2016—31 Aug. 2017 you will need to apply for an Infant School place for your child for next Sept. 2021. **All applications should be made on-line via the 'Apply for a School Place' link on Southampton City Council's website.**

Transfer to Junior School—Sept. 2021

If your child is currently attending one of our Year 2 classes you will need to apply for a Junior School place for next September 2021. **Please apply on-line as above via the Southampton City Council website.**



**The Deadline for Above Applications MUST be Received by Southampton City Council
 by Midnight on Friday 15 January 2021.**

