



Fairisle News

Newsletter No. 5

As always, I will start this letter with my best wishes and hope that you and your families are well and safe. The children have settled well back into school routines and staff continue to provide high quality teaching.

At the end of last term the school had the annual visit from the Local Authority. We received a very positive report:

- √ *The whole school approach to mental well-being is notable and signals a further deepening of the right respecting approaches the school has held central to its ethos for many years. The prioritisation for Key Stage 1 around learning focussed upon feelings on return to school supports this whole school approach with the intention to enable all children to feel safe and happy in school.*
- √ *Pupils showed a good grasp of key vocabulary and were confidently using their phonics knowledge to attempt some challenging vocabulary choices for their own sentence development.*
- √ *Pupils' work demonstrates a consistent approach for planning and teaching. Pupils progress in their writing stamina and use of descriptive detail was evident in Year 1.*
- √ *In maths, progress in most books was evident and some of this was swift.*
- √ *Pupil behaviour for learning is re-establishing well, pupils were settled and enjoying the range of learning being undertaken.*
- √ *There is a clear focus on well-being throughout the school for pupils and staff.*



We are proud of the children's positive attitude to learning as this was a strong feature in the report.

Thank you for your continued support with your child's learning at home especially taking the time to read with your child every day.

Interim Leadership Model

Further to the letter from Mr Allan, our Chair of Governors, dated 15 November 2021 you will be aware that the Governors are recruiting for a new Headteacher to start 1 September 2022.

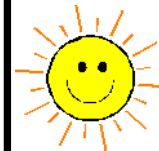
Until then, Miss Owens and I will job-share the role as I have reduced my working week to 3 days per week to prepare for my retirement at the end of this academic year. This ensures continuity and stability.

We are fortunate to have a committed and dedicated staff team and wonderful children and I have no doubt that the school will continue to go from strength to strength.

Susanne Ottens—Headteacher



Staffing Update



We are pleased to welcome:

Miss Gemma Taylor as an Early Years Practitioner in the Nursery.



We are sure she will make a valuable contribution to the Nursery.

Dates For your Diary

18 Feb : INSET DAY—Infant School, Sunshine & Rainbow Nursery
CLOSED ALL DAY

21—25 February Half-Term Holiday

28 February : Children Return to School

11– 22 April Easter Holiday 

27 May : INSET DAY—Infant School, Sunshine & Rainbow
Nursery CLOSED ALL DAY

30 May—3 June Half-Term Holiday

6 June : Queen's Platinum Jubilee Bank Holiday

19 April : Summer Term Begins



Important—Final Reminder



Admission to Infant School—Sept. 2022

If your child's birthday falls between
1 Sept. 2017—31 Aug. 2018
you will need to apply for an Infant School
place for your child for next Sept. 2022.

All applications should be made on-line via
the blue 'Apply for a School Place' link
on Southampton City Council's website.

Transfer to Junior School—Sept. 2022

If your child is currently attending in one of our
Year 2 classes you will need to apply for a
Junior School place for next September 2022.

Please apply on-line as shown above via the
Southampton City Council website.



All Applications Above MUST be received
by Southampton City Council By 23.59
on Saturday 15 January 2022.

S. Ottens

Best Wishes
Susanne Ottens
Headteacher