



Happy New Year to you all!

Firstly I'd like to thank those of you who joined us for our Christmas Performances. It was lovely to see so many of you there. The children all had a wonderful time meeting the bear or travelling on the Polar Express. On behalf of everyone at Fairfields I'd like to thank you for the cards and gifts that were sent into school. This is never expected but always very much appreciated.



## Christmas Raffle

Thank you to everyone who donated a prize or bought a ticket for our Christmas Raffle. We were blown away with the support. We're pleased to share that we raised £531 for our school fund which is incredible. We will be having another one at Easter and will be looking for donations of Easter Eggs, large or small.

## Lockdown Procedures

As part of our ongoing commitment to keeping all pupils safe, we regularly review and practise our emergency procedures.

In addition to fire drills, schools are also required to have an invacuation procedure. This is used in situations where it is safer for pupils and staff to remain inside the school buildings rather than outside for example an incident in the local area, and our procedures have recently been updated.

We are currently upgrading our system in school and once completed we will be holding invacuation drills. Initially this will just be done with staff to ensure everyone is confident in the updated procedures before carrying these drills out with the children please reassured that this is a routine practise and there is no cause for concern. We are sharing this with you so that if your child mentions it at home or finds this distressing, you're aware that it has been a planned exercise.

During an invacuation drill:

- a distinct signal will sound followed by other internal communications to support this
- pupils will remain in their classroom or if outside will be supported to swiftly move inside to the nearest safe space
- staff will secure the building and use pre-planned activities to keep the children calm and regulated
- no one will leave classrooms until the all clear signal has been given by senior staff
- a roll call will then be carried out to ensure everyone is accounted for

The procedures are simple, calm and designed to ensure that everyone is kept safe and accounted for. Staff will guide and reassure pupils throughout the drill.

The staff at Fairfields are always there to help and support. If you have any questions or concerns please always get in touch with your child's class teacher or a member of the leadership team.

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## Food Parcels

As you are aware, we work with the McCarthy—Dixon Foundation to supply food parcels to some of our families. If you would like a food parcel for over the Feb Half term holiday please let us know. If you would like more information about food parcels and how the service works, please get in touch with Janice Crane, Senior Family Worker.



## Fairfields PTA

PTAs play a vital role in enhancing schools and fostering strong, supportive communities. As the PTA operates as an independent entity from the school, we currently don't have a committee, however it would provide an excellent opportunity for the broader school community to collaborate and contribute to the school's success. More information about setting up and running a PTA can be found at [PTA+](#) and [Parentkind](#). If you would be interested in setting up a new PTA, please get in touch.

## Car Park

At the start and end of the day our car park continues to be extremely busy. Please follow the signs in the car park, making sure you are travelling in the correct direction and using the correct entrance and exit. This is to keep everyone safe. We know that Trinity Avenue can get very congested where possible please allow extra time to your journey to allow for possible delays. Unless you have confirmed a 2.45pm pick up for your child, the school day finishes at 3pm.



## School Dinners

If your child has school dinners please remember to book these each week. You can book your child's dinners in advance and as blocks if this is easier for you. The cut off time for booking for child's lunch is Wednesday at Midnight. If your child doesn't have a lunch provided, we will contact you and ask you to bring one in for them.

To book your child's lunches please go to [Login | Kingswood Catering](#)



## Appropriate Clothing

The weather at the moment is very unpredictable and outside learning is an important part of our curriculum. Please send your child to school with an appropriate coat and footwear for the changing weather. This includes a waterproof coat, wellies, hat and gloves. Please also send your child to school with a change of clothing including socks and underwear. It's really helpful if everything is named.



## Lending Library



Our lending library is a great resource in school and is loved by the children. Please can we ask that if you have any lending library books at home that these are returned to school. All book have a lending library sticker on the front.

## Services and Support Available for Families

There are a number of different services available to support you as families. Click on each picture to access their websites:



Northamptonshire Children's Trust



### African Drumming

As part of our enrichment curriculum, the children will be having an African Drumming workshop on Friday 23rd January.

### Chinese New Year

The children will also be having a Chinese New Year Sensory day on Thursday 12th February. It would be great if the children could come to school dressed in red, yellow and gold or if they really like dressing up, they can come to school dressed as a dragon! We know that dressing up can be quite difficult for some children so if they would like to come to school in their uniform this is fine.



### Monster Phonics Parent Workshops

Nicky Wood, Hannah Roberts and Michaela Russell are currently organising parents workshops to provide more information about Monster Phonics. These will be held on the 11th & 12th March 2026. More details to follow.



### Celebration Evening

Our Celebration Evening is scheduled for Wednesday 22nd April 2026, please save the date. This is a great opportunity for you to come and meet your child's teacher, see their learning environment and find out more about what they get up to in school.



### Secondary Provision

Are you starting to think about Secondary Provision but unsure where to start? Join us at a specialist SEN School/Unit Marketplace & Coffee Mornings on Monday 23rd March at the Guildhall Northampton where you can speak with professionals ahead of your child's annual review about transitioning and learn more about the SEN schools and units available. [Book Tickets Here](#)



## Dates for the Year.

Below are the scheduled dates for the year. They are all be confirmed nearer the time.

### School Celebrations—Parents Invited

- Stay and Play— Friday 30th January 1.30pm-2.30pm
- Easter — Thursday 26th & Friday 27th March 1.30pm-2.30pm
- Sports Week—19th—21st May
- Year 6 Stay Late—10th July

### Parents Evenings

- Celebration Evening—Wednesday 22nd April 4.00 – 5.15pm and 6.00 – 7.15pm.

### School Events

- Chinese New Year—12th February
- World Book Day — Thursday 5th March
- Eid day—Tuesday 24th March
- Maths Cooking day—Thursday 25th June
- World Cup Travel Day—Thursday 2nd July