



Dear Parents/Carers

Before half term, all the children in year 6 showed fantastic determination and perseverance when taking statutory assessments. This week it has been the turn of younger children in the school. Year 4 have taken an online multiplication check and year 1 and some of year 2 have worked through the Phonics Check. I have been incredibly impressed by them all, they have demonstrated exactly the attitude we are after in all areas of learning - for them to do their best.

In school we use the Twinkl Phonics programme. This is one of the accredited programmes in the UK and it is designed to develop the children's phonic knowledge as they move through reception, year 1 and year 2. The goal of learning phonics is of course to be able to read.

Reading is such an important part of life. There are academic reasons for being able to read, children in high school need to be able to read so they can understand the texts they study across the curriculum, whether this is in an English, history or geography lesson. As the children move on into later life, being able to read will help them in the work place, whatever their profession.

For me however, the best reason for learning to read is it opens a door to magical worlds where adventures take place, where children's dreams can come true and where absolutely anything can happen. It is a great feeling to be lost in a book, to care deeply about how a character is feeling, to not be able to stop reading so you can find out what happens next. These are the joys of reading and these enrich the children's childhoods.

I think it is harder now than in the past to inspire children to engage with reading. Phones, computer games and other gadgets all have their pull, all cleverly designed to catch attention, and provide quick entertainment. However, the more we can help children develop a love of reading, the more we are empowering them with something that will stay with them for the rest of their lives.

In the autumn term, we are going to be running workshops on developing a love of reading for parents and carers to take part in. We are going to be encouraging all children to develop their love of reading and, as a passionate reader myself, I look forward to the adventures, wonders and excitement we will be sharing!

Richard Foster
Headteacher

Dear Parents/Carers

I am quite often in school, either on governor business or helping with reading and I am always thrilled to see the children so happily engaged with their learning. It is a tribute to Mr Foster and his staff that they demonstrate a respectful attitude, a readiness to learn and an understanding of how to keep safe while maintaining a real enjoyment of a wide range of subjects and activities.

In the summer term governors and the head teacher start to think about what has gone well, what might need tweaking and what new strategic priorities we would like for the school. We were sorry that Fairfield High School pulled out of the proposed Multi Academy Trust with us and other local schools, but any such association must be right for all parties. Governors are actively looking at other options. Meanwhile Mr Foster is creating and maintaining links with other local schools to the advantage of all our children.

We will shortly be meeting to agree the 2024-25 budget. One of our key responsibilities is to ensure public money is properly spent for the benefit of the children and we thank Janet Mailes for her work in keeping the accounts in good order.

Governors will soon be publishing our annual update and impact statement on the school website. Please take some time to read it so you can see what roles we undertake in school. If anyone is inspired to join us, we have two vacancies - one for a parent / carer and one for a co-opted (non-parent) position. Please contact the school office if you or anyone you know is interested.

As this may be my last newsletter contribution for this year, I want to thank Mr Davies and his year 6



assistant staff for preparing the children so well for their SATs and to wish all those children who will be leaving us, the very best in their new schools.

Ann Jenner (Chair)

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Class R had a visit from Fudge and his owner Mr Foster as part of our literacy work based on the book Hairy Maclary from Donaldson's Dairy.



The children all formed relevant questions to ask Mr Foster. We have been busy researching dogs, and this provided the children with first hand experience, and all were very happy to meet him.



Thank you with a capital 'T'

The marvellous PTFA have struck gold again with their donation of two 'Sails' and the installation of said sails. We are incredibly lucky to have such support and can't thank parents enough for the support they give.

In this photo Class R are being read a story by Ellie - they all where totally inspired by

Ellie's reading and the kindness of the PTFA.

Tuesday morning toast. We are very grateful to Mrs Apsee who has gallantly been making toast every Tuesday morning for many months. Unfortunately, Mrs Apsee has decided it is time to spread more than just butter on toast - and who can blame her! Thank you, from us all, for your dedication to the job! So, going forward we have decided not to offer toast at all. If you have a credit over £1 we will put this onto SchoolMoney so that you can make use of it there.



We are increasingly concerned about the recurring outbreaks of head lice that we are suffering from in school. This is an unpleasant and infectious condition. The children concerned are often worried and their work does suffer as a result.

Would you please check carefully on a daily basis that you, your children and other members of your family are not infested and that if they are, that the head lice are treated before your child returns to school.

There are wide ranges of treatments available that include shampoos, combs and conditioners. Should you require further information we suggest that you contact the local surgery or School Nurse. Your co-operation in this matter is greatly appreciated.

You should recently have received an email informing you that Mrs C Hall has resigned as parent governor. We will miss her hard work and dedication. We would like to acknowledge her support and thank her for the commitment shown. Therefore, we now have a vacancy for the role of parent governor on our governing board. Please see letter attached to the email for more information and the nomination form can be accessed by following the link below.

<https://forms.office.com/e/pnbKptp7RG>

Breakfast Club

This facility runs every school morning from 8:00 - 8:45am. Children are offered breakfast and a drink and then have time to play games. We would really appreciate that you pre-book sessions on the SchoolMoney app so that we can be sure to have enough staff and refreshments available.

The cost is £4 a session and can also be paid via the SchoolMoney app. Please do not arrived before 8am as the insurance only covers the children from that time.



PAINT RUNNER

FRIDAY

28th JUNE

3:30pm

£5 per ticket
includes
run and
BBQ

School will send
a Jotform for
your BBQ
preference

Back by popular demand...

Paint Runner and BBQ.

Open to children and siblings.

Pay via School Money shop or on the day

Wear white and protective eyewear!

HOT DOGS, BURGERS, STRAWBERRIES AND CREAM

ALSO AVAILABLE TO PURCHASE

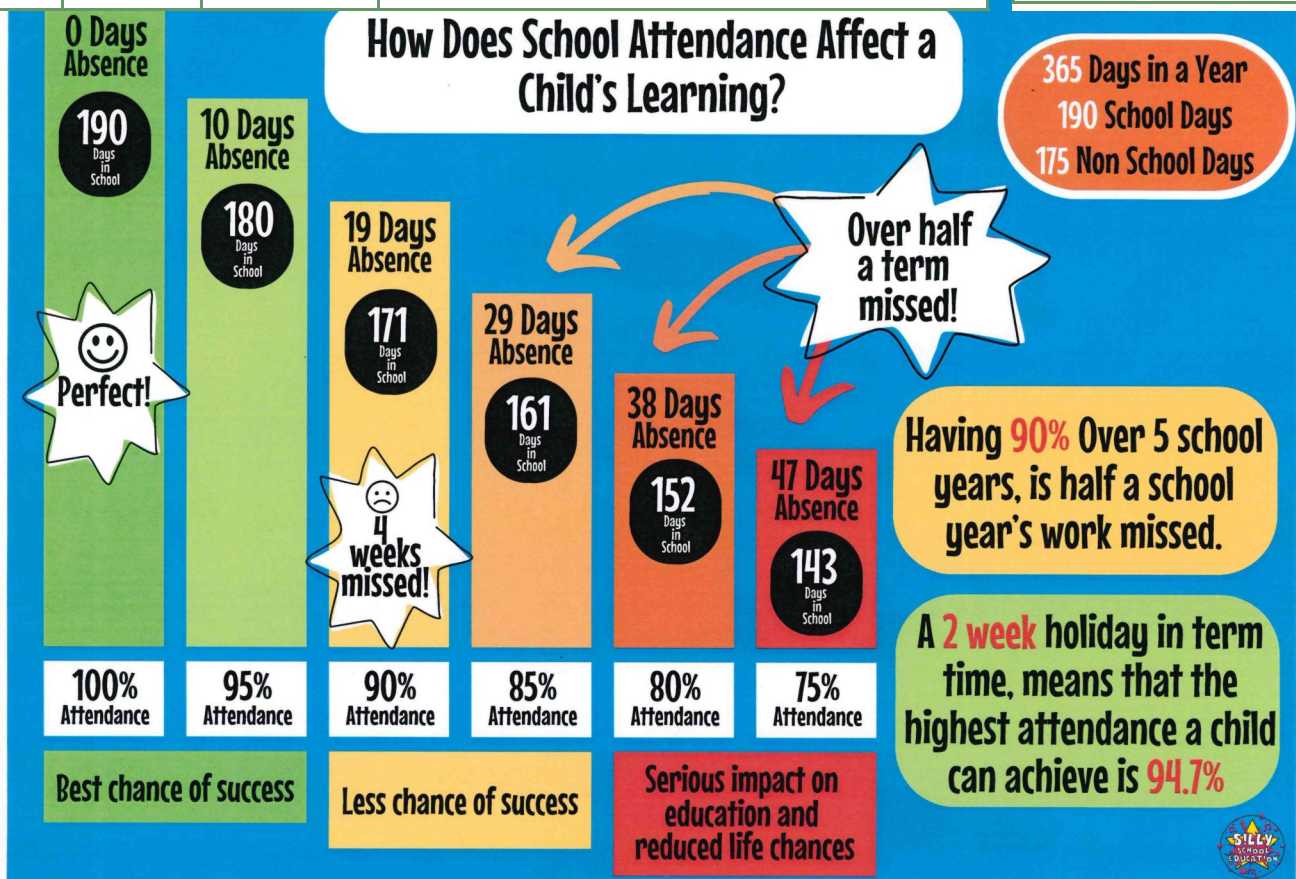
School Diary			
JUNE	17th		Reception trip to Bristol Zoo project
	18th	6:00	Full governing body meeting
	22nd	9:00-12:00	Working party at school (Bacon butties provided)
	24th		Home visits for new intake
	27th	All day	Yr6 pupils Fairfield High transition day
	28th	14:30	Celebration assembly in church—all welcome
	28th		PTFA Paint runner—after school
	JULY	1st & 2nd	
1st			New intake session in reception class
3rd			New intake session in reception class
3rd			Summer Sports Games (Year 5 & 6)
4th		All day	Yr6 pupils county transition day to High Sch
5th		9:10	Reception Class assembly
5th		1:15-15:00	Sports Day - Parents welcome
8th			Non-uniform day for PTFA
8th			New intake session in reception class
10th			New intake session in reception class
10th		1:30 & 18:00	Year 5 & 6 Performances—venue to be confirmed
11th		All day	Bikeability Yr6
12th			Year 1 & 2 trip
16th		AM	Class transition morning
17th			CI 3 & 4 trip to Techniquet
18th			Last swimming lesson Class 1 & 2
19th		9:10	Leavers Assembly in school
19th			Last day of term

Well Done to the 14 pupils who currently have 100% attendance for the year so far. ✓

Mixed bag for attendance figures this week - Class 2 are still at the top but with a decrease their lead is not so sound. Plus, Class 3 have leapt over Class 1 and are gaining rapidly on Class 2 - so watch this space - with only a few weeks to go to end of term, which Class will be top in the end?! Overall percentage has dropped to 95.82%.

Percentage Attendance for each Class for the year to date.

Class 2	↓	96.69%
Class 3	↑	96.57 %
Class 1	↓	96.26 %
Class 4	↑	95.18 %
Class R	↓	94.47 %
Total Percentage	↓	95.82%



The Charming Theatre Company PRODUCTION OF

Disney BEAUTY AND THE BEAST

JRCo

13th & 14th JULY 2024

STEINER ACADEMY HEREFORD

LYRICS BY HOWARD ASHMAN & TIM RICE BOOK BY LINDA WOOLVERTON MUSIC BY ALAN MENKEN

ORIGINALLY DIRECTED BY ROBERT JESS ROTH

ORIGINALLY PRODUCED BY DISNEY THEATRICAL PRODUCTIONS

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BOX OFFICE: www.ticketsource.co.uk/charmingtheatre




Ewyas Harold Pre School are looking for a volunteer **Treasurer** to join our committee.

Ewyas Harold Pre School is at the heart of Ewyas Harold village and has close links to the village community.

We have always been proud to have a 'good' OFSTED rating.

We are a charity run organisation based within the grounds of the Primary School and we pride ourselves in providing the best Childcare and Early Education for our children.

We have a close working relationship with both parents and the Primary School.

The committee oversees the running of the Pre School and the position would require:

- Attending once termly committee meetings
- Overseeing the day to day finances of the Pre School

Other tasks can be discussed upon application. Knowledge of Accountancy software, Word and Excel are preferable.

If you are interested in this exciting opportunity, please could you contact the Pre School.

Feel free to call us on 01981 241106 or email ewyaspre@googlemail.com

Pandy Show and East Wales & Borders Vintage Enthusiasts Rally 2024

Saturday 22nd June 2024 Vintage Auction

Admission £2 donation to charity, viewing from 8:00am

Sunday 23rd June 2024 Pandy Show and Vintage Rally

Admission: Adults £5, Children under 16 free. Gates open 10:00am



Blaengavenny Farm,
Llanvihangel Crucorney,
NP7 7LB
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Mr & Mrs David Probert

Trade stands, refreshments, licenced bar, stationary and steam traction engines, children's sports and entertainment, vintage and classic vehicles, motorcycles, crafts, produce tent, dog show and main ring events

In aid of: Dore Community Transport. Charity No. 1097172



Entry forms & further details found on:
www.eastwalesandborders.org.uk
<https://www.facebook.com/ThePandyShow/>
Main Ring Contact: Terry Bayliss - 07976 418415



For trade stands etc. contact:
Keith Prosser - 07870 508470
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£3 Pop Up Book Sale



Tuesday 18th June 2024

5.30 to 7.30pm

**Madley Parish Hall
Madley, HR2 9PH**

Refreshments available by

1st Golden Valley Scout Group to include:

Tea/coffee/squash/cake/biscuits

Money raised will be used to fundraise future Scouting events

