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Bristol BS13 9HS
Headteacher: Emma Drew

24 February 2017

Dear Parents and Carers

I am sorry to inform you that I will be leaving Fair Furlong Primary School at the end of the summer term to take up a new headship in Cheshire. This is not a decision I have taken lightly but as many of you will know I have been at Fair Furlong for a significant number of years now and believe it's the right time for a new adventure for me and the school. I have decided to move away from Bristol to be nearer family and will begin my new post there in September.

I have loved and still do very much enjoy being part of Fair Furlong and the local community. The school has been on a huge journey over the time I have been here and it has been a pleasure to be part of the team with our parents and carers in ensuring our school is the best it can be for all its children. Over the years I feel I have built strong relationships with many families and indeed in some cases we are now teaching the 3rd generation! Working in the community can be challenging at times but I certainly would not choose to have been head anywhere else in Bristol. Fair Furlong will be a very difficult school to leave and has been a huge part of my teaching career and I have very much enjoyed working with you.

I have told the children today that I am leaving so they may want to come home and talk about it with you. One of the things we pride ourselves on at Fair Furlong is having very strong relationships with the children and I recognise that many of them will find this news difficult. However, I wanted to be sure that both the children and our families heard this news first hand rather than it being accidentally shared and I feel it gives us a longer time to help prepare everyone for the end of the summer term.

Over the rest of the year I will be working very closely with Governors to ensure continuity in leadership ready for September. I would like to reassure you that I remain fully committed to Fair Furlong and working with the strong leadership team to plan for next year as we would normally be doing.

I would like to thank you for all your support in this matter and throughout my time at Fair Furlong. Do please pop in and see me if you have any concerns but I am sure Governors will want to keep you as up to date as they can with their progress with succession planning.

Best wishes

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NEWSLETTER

24 February 2017

This week at Fair Furlong



These are the authors and books that the children will be reading throughout term 4. Remember, next week is book week!! During book week, the children will be reading different books by the same authors! The theme for book week is animals. Children will be reading about killer cats, a werepuppy, superworms, animals kissing goodnight, a truffle mouse, jungle animals and meerkats receiving mail!

On Thursday parents are invited to come along to our Bedtime Story Night from 5.00pm - 6.00pm. Children and parents are encouraged to come to school wearing their pyjamas and enjoy a bedtime story with the child's teacher.

On Friday you can dress up as an animal from one of the books you have been reading, or as an animal character from your favourite book! Some ideas are enormous crocodiles, cats in hats, a family of elephants or rainbow fish! We look forward to seeing the transformations!!

| Year groups | Term 4 | | | |
|-------------|---|---|--------|---|
| Nursery |  | Julia Donaldson | Year 3 |  Jacqueline Wilson Cliffhanger |
| Rec |  | Julia Donaldson | Year 4 |  Anne Fine Bill's New Frock |
| Year 1 |  | Ann Whitford Paul Little Monkey Says Goodnight | Year 5 |  Holly Webb The Maskmaker's Daughter |
| Year 2 |  | Emily Gravett Little Mouse's Big Book of Fears | Year 6 |  David Almond Skellig |



French Phrase of the week



Have a go speaking in French at home! It doesn't matter how you sound, just try!
These phrases are linked to the time of year or topics in school.

KS1

rouge

red

KS2

rouge

red

bleu

blue

blanc

white

Merit awards awarded for outstanding achievement this week:



Enthusiasm: Neyasha Henry; Louie Malin; Adam Stewart; Rosie Harcom

Challenge: Zosia Radiewicz; Landon Maynard; Cameron Lewis; Rubie Horlock; Archie Irwin

Learning Together: Lily Bourton; Keeley O'Connor

Trust: Rylie Corfe

Respect: Kiera Harris



AWARDS: Maths Badges: Zosia Radziejewicz; Lewis Priddis; Ilan Brugora; Lewis Welch; Ruby May Talbot; Riley Corfe; Tanner Havard; Peyton McGill; Cerisha Thompson; Macie-Leigh Talbot; Shelly Skinner; Eleanor Holden; Harry Buxton; Lewis Bateman; McKenzie Smith-

Chivers; Summer Hazell; Dillon Williams; Ben Jacobs; Kian Talbot; Chanelle Denning; Molly White; Nia Shaji. **Spelling Badges:** Evie O'Connor; Maddison Grist; Shamina Fennell; Kiera Smith; Madison Banfield; Crystal Sunil; Colston Spray; Sophie Griffin; Kiera O'Connor; Charlie Hobbs; Chloe Summers; Cruz Skinner; Gracie Holden; Koriey Lewis; Oliver Phipps; Chanelle Denning; Corey Wilson; Layla Sherwell; Macie-Leigh Talbot; Aiden Viner; Leah Tucker; Mason Swatton; Brook Spicer; Kyle Moore; Lewis Harris; Hollie Dunn; Rihanna Dibble; Neave Bird; Rocco Mauro; Harrison Weber; Rosie James. **Bronze**

Awards: Deniz Alper; Becca Evans **Silver Awards:** Logan Taylor; Cruz Skinner; Chloe Summers; Madison Banfield **Homework Heroes:** Max Matlacki; Nathan Powell; Portia Nash; Chloe Thompson; Gracie Holden. **Lunchtime**

Legends: Glastonbury Class **Golden Good Manners Table:** Rylie Corfe Theodore Ifadah Damilola Akinbo; Keiran Harding; Heaven Leigh Young

Outside achievement: Tilly White and Emmie White (Swimming); Molly Fry (Guard Dancing); Ocean Marie Hemmings (Karate) Molly White (Football)

Menu for the week beginning 27 February 2017 - Week 1

Monday: Sausages & Mash : Quorn Sausages & Mash : Salad Bar

Tuesday: Roast Pork, Roast Pots & Gravy : Vegetable Goulash & Rice

Wednesday: Chicken pizza & Wedges : Macaroni Cheese : Salad Bar

Thursday: Roast Chicken & Roast Pots : Vegetable Moussaka

Friday: Fish Fingers & Chips : Vegetable Enchiladas : Salad Bar

Here are this years Red Noses!



Dr. Nose



Nose-it-all



Snuffles



Sniffer



DJ Boogie



Norse Nose



Snootankhamun



Snoezecake



The Snorcerer



Frankinese

This years Red Nose Day is Friday 24th March and the theme is 'Make Your Laugh Matter'. We will be selling red noses from Monday 13th March. On the 23rd we will be having a bake off competition and a cake sale on the 24th; also on the 24th the children can pay £1 to

wear something red. More details will follow nearer the time. Caterlink will also be providing a red nose day cake for pudding that day!



The best attendance for the last week of term was New Forest and Caernarfon, a massive well done to both classes.

ATTENDANCE IN SCHOOL THIS WEEK

KSI



KS2

| Position | Class | % Attendance | Position | Class | % Attendance |
|-----------------|---------------|--------------|-----------------|----------------|--------------|
| 1 st | Glastonbury | 98.6% | 1 st | Caernarfon | 98% |
| 2 nd | Jarvik | 97.6% | 2 nd | Balmoral | 97.7% |
| 3 rd | Fingal's Cave | 96.3% | 3 rd | Tintagel | 97.5% |
| 4 th | Penzance | 95.3% | 4 th | Snowdon | 97.1% |
| 5 th | New Forest | 95.1% | 5 th | Forest of Dean | 96.4% |
| 6 th | Ullswater | 92% | 6 th | Hadrian's Wall | 96.3% |
| | | | 7 th | Brighton Pier | 92.7% |
| | | | 8 th | Stonehenge | 91.7% |

| Attendance | Comment |
|---------------|---|
| 99% - 100% | Outstanding |
| 97% - 98% | Excellent |
| 95% - 96% | Great (School attendance target is 95%) |
| 93% - 94% | Satisfactory |
| Less than 93% | Must do better |

JOB VACANCY - We have a vacancy for a Playtime Assistant. If you would like to join our team for an hour a day please ring on **01173772181** or pop into the office where someone will be happy to help you.

POLLING DAY SCHOOL CLOSURE - We have been informed that Fair Furlong will be used as a Polling Station on Thursday 4th May. Consequently school will be closed to YN - Y5. Y6 should come to school as normal in preparation for their SATs tests the following week. We will also be holding our Nursery Induction Day on this day.

AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS - Advance warning there will be no clubs (except for climbing) on THURSDAY 30th MARCH because of the Y2 Y3 performance, however ALL Y2 and Y3 children are being asked to stay in school for the performance which starts at 5pm. They will need to be picked up after the performance at approximately 5.45pm.

REMINDER - Sorry but there are NO after school clubs (including climbing) on THURSDAY 27th APRIL due to staff training.

Useful Information:

Bristol Libraries <https://www.bristol.gov.uk/libraries-archives> - The service is free and open to all members of the public. They can offer temporary library cards for visitors and library cards for people with no permanent address. There are 28 libraries across the City of Bristol. The closest libraries to our school are Hartcliffe Library @ [Peterson Avenue, Hartcliffe, Bristol, BS13 0BE](#) (by Morrisons at Symes) tel; 0117 9038568 and Bishopsworth Library @ [Bishopsworth Road, Bedminster Down, Bristol, BS13 7LN](#) tel; 0117 9038566

Services on offer include:

- Free access to books, computers and WiFi.
- Access to audio books, DVDs and CDs for a small charge.
- Free access to our local studies collections and reference library.
- Free access to online resources including reference materials, family history, business information, eBooks and magazines and more.
- Activities, groups and workshops in the libraries hosted internally and also with external partners.

DATES FOR 2016/2017

1st 2nd 3rd March
Friday 3rd March
Thursday 2nd March
Friday 10th March
Monday 13th March
Monday 13th March
15th & 16th March
Friday 17th March
Friday 24th March
Wednesday 29th March
Thursday 30th March

5th, 6th, 7th April
Friday 7 April

Monday 24 April
Monday 1st May
Thursday 4th May

Monday 8th - Fri 12th May
Friday 26th May
Monday 5 June
Friday 7 July
Thursday 20 July

Book Days
Author visits / Dress up day, animals from books
5.00pm - 6.00pm Bedtime Stories
Glastonbury Class Assembly 10.45am
Book Fair in school all week at 3.15pm
Red Noses on sale
Parents Evenings
New Forest Class Assembly 10.45am
Red Nose Day - wear red / cake sale
Y2&3 Performance 9.15am
Y2&3 Performance 5.00pm - NO AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS
Y3 Barton camp
Last day of Term 4

Term 5 starts
SCHOOL CLOSED - BANK HOLIDAY
Polling Day - School Closure for YN - Y5 ONLY - Y6 in school as normal
Y6 SATs
Last day of Term 5
Term 6 starts
Inset Day
Last day of Term 6 (Friday 21 July Inset day - school closed to pupils)

Letters home this week:

Y3 Camp Letters
Parents Evening
Bedtime Story Evening