

NEWSLETTER

13th December 2019

This week at Fair Furlong



Carol singing at Murford - Some wonderful singers from Year 4, 5 & 6 visited Murford Nursing Home to sing to the residents. The children sang beautifully and all enjoyed a festive sing-a-long.



Performance - Our Reception and Year One



children have done a super job of performing their nativity, 'Higgledy Piggledy Stable!' We are very proud of how beautifully the children sang in front of an

audience, as well as remembering their lines. There was a busy stage of noisy animals, two fantastic narrators and lots of other characters, who gathered to see the baby Jesus. The classes all shared their songs beautifully, with great actions! Thank you for your support at home in getting costumes ready and practising lines. Well done everyone and what a wonderful way to get ready for Christmas!



On Tuesday 17th December a group picture of our Nativity will appear in the Bristol Evening Post supplement.

This week Year 5 had the opportunity to experience a science show linked to our topic of reversible and irreversible changes.

One of our Year 5 children have written a review from our experience:

Today we got to experience the explorer dome, he taught us about atoms and told us that atoms are the tiniest substance ever and they make up everything. We learnt about the three states of matter, which are solid, liquid and gas, and how some materials can change states known as reversible or irreversible reactions. Did you know we can change the materials state through: condensation, evaporation, melting, freezing or sublimation? He showed us an example of evaporation by pouring -196 degree Celsius liquid nitrogen on the floor, which evaporated before it hit the floor, because it had turned into a gas.



Tiger Class assembly - Tiger class performed the well known poem 'The Tyger' by William Blake and shared some fascinating facts that they researched themselves.



Chimpanzee to Forest School - Chimpanzee enjoyed a great interactive day at Leigh Woods today, we learned how to make dens using 'loppers', used fire steels to light fires and had a tower building competition with wood that we collected from the forest. The children behaved brilliantly as always.



Save the Children.

Save the Children Christmas Jumper Day - today at school we supported the Save the Children Christmas Jumper Day - everyone paid £1 to wear their Christmas jumpers and looked very festive. In total we raised £300 - this included £50 donated by school.

Indoor Athletics Competition



At the end of November some of our Athletics team competed in the area indoor athletics competition. This competition saw some of our strongest athletes across year 5 and 6 compete with 7 other schools from across the south of Bristol. Our children were fantastic as ever, with some of our children being recognised by the organisers as having outstanding potential! After some extremely close track events our children

managed to secure a strong 4th place. We are extremely proud of this team, being their first event in athletics ever and being recognised as the 4th best in the south! Well done, and we look forward to our team competing in the summer athletics competition.

Basketball Tournament

This term our Basketball team have been competing in a series of mini tournaments over a four week period. From where our children started, they have shown some



amazing progression! Miss McArdle has done a fantastic job in coaching our children and the team have shown brilliant commitment to her. The children came 5th overall in their league out of 12 schools and held their own against some schools that have been taking part in this sport for years! A big thank you must go to Miss McArdle and Miss Baker for taking the children to all of these events, it would not happen without them. And well done to our children for showing exemplary behavior and sportsmanship again! The head of the Schools Sports Partnership has said, Fair Furlong is back on the map in primary school sports!!!

Friends of Fair Furlong - a big thank you to all the parents that have shown an interest in being part of the Friends of Fair Furlong group and attended the first meeting this week. It was very positive with lots of ideas for future fundraising events to support school - We welcome Charlene Austin and Jodie Selby as Chair and Vice Chair for this year.

We'd like to congratulate Reisha-Lei Davis for winning first prize in the Mary Palmer Prize for Poetry in her age group. She was awarded the prize by the Lord Mayor at a ceremony this week. Well done Reisha-Lei! Here is her poem:



*Global warming
Global warming
We all need to take a warning
Stop polluting our planet
We don't want animals to get extinct
We all need to think!*

After School Club

Drama already full.

Don't forget to sign your child up to one of our after school clubs for terms 3 & 4. They are filling up very quickly with Dodgeball, Archery and



The Christmas post box is now open! If your child brings Christmas cards into school to post please ensure they write clearly on the envelope the child's full name and class.

Menu for the week beginning 16 December 2019 - Week 1:

Monday: Cheese & Tomato Pizza : Bean & Potato Wrap : Salad Bar

Tuesday: Roast Gammon & Gravy : Veggie Pizza Hot Dog

Wednesday: Christmas Dinner -

Thursday: Roast Chicken, Roast Pots & Gravy : Sweetcorn Tortilla Pie

Friday: Fish Fingers & Chips : Quorn Dippers : Salad Bar

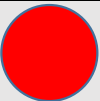




AWARDS: Golden Good Manners Table: Callum Collins; Joshua Penny; Logan Hollis; Lucas Summers; McKenzie Smith Chivers

Lunchtime Legends: Polar Bear and Black Rhino classes **Out of**

School Achievements: Brook Spicer for gymnastics; Reisha Lei Davis for poetry; Layla Rudge for football

Certificates awarded for outstanding achievement this week

	Learning Together: Dugong; Lashonda Burke
	Enthusiasm: Umbrellabird; Rueben Vollero; Roxanne Hazell; Laci Parsons; Oliver Delaney; Harley Tolliver; Louis White
	Challenge: Darla Hawkes; Tommy Mullet; Tiger; Ford Griffin; Lily Rae Smith Chivers; Roxanne Hazell; Dalton Tucker; Hollie Baker-Chant
	Respect: Kaylan Nichols; Olivia Grist
	Trust: Lily Palmer

Attendance this week

KS1 Position	Class	% Attendance	KS2 Position	Class	% Attendance
1 st	Fossa	96.1%	1 st	Shark	97.5%
2 nd	Polar Bear	94%	1 st	Silverback Gorilla	97.5%
3 rd	Seal	92.5%	3 rd	Silky Sifaka	96.7%
4 th	Dugong	91.5%	4 th	Chimpanzee	95.7%
5 th	Sea Turtle	91.3%	5 th	Cheetah	95.6%
6 th	Umbrellabird	83.8%	6 th	Orangutan	95%
			7 th	Snow Leopard	94%
			8 th	Black Rhino	93.4%
			9 th	Tiger	91.4%

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

2019/20 School Dates

Term 2

Tuesday 5 November - Friday 20 December 2019 (Monday 4 November - INSET DAY)

Term 3

Tuesday 7 January - Friday 14 February 2020 (Monday 6 January - INSET DAY)

Term 4

Monday 24 February to Friday 3 April 2020

Term 5

Monday 20 April to Friday 22 May 2020

Term 6

Monday 1 June to Friday 17 July 2020 (Monday 20 July - INSET DAY)



Letters home this week Bedtime stories

Dates for your Diary:

Term 2

Mon 16 th	B&M singing at Imperial Park : 9.30am - 1.20pm
Tues 17 th	2pm KS2 Carol Concert / Cosy Christmas story time 5.00 - 5.50
Wed 18 th	Walk to school with Santa - 8.00am at Top Shops
Wed 18 th	Christmas Lunch
Thurs 19 th	Class Party afternoon
Fri 20 th	<u>Last day of term 2 - NO AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS</u>

Term 3

Mon 6 th January	INSET - SCHOOL CLOSED TO PUPILS
Tues 7 th	All children back to school
Tues 7 th - 10 th	Arts Week
Mon 20 th	Chinese New Year day
Wed 29 th	NO AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS
Tues 4 th February	E-Safety Day
Fri 14 th Feb	End of Term 3

Term 4

Mon 24 th	All children back to school
Thurs 5 th March	World Book Day
Mon 9 th	Maths Day
Tues 10 th	Parents Evening 4-7
Wed 11 th	Parents Evening 4-6
Tues 24 th	Phase 2 Performance - AM - tbc
Wed 25 th	Phase 2 Performance - PM - tbc - No After School Clubs
Wed 1 st - 3 rd April	Year 3 Camp
Wed 1 st	EYFS Easter Bonnet Parade

Term 5

Mon 11 th -14 th May	Y6 SATS
Wed 20 th	New Reception Parents Meeting


Term 6

Mon 1 st June	All children back to school
Mon 29 th - 3 rd July	Healthy & Safe Week
Mon 29 th	Life Skills
Tues 30 th	Phase 3 Sports Morning
Wed 1 st July	Phase 1 Sports Morning
Tues 2 nd	Phase 2 Sports Morning
Fri 3 rd	Open Day
Tues 14 th	Phase 3 Performance - AM - tbc
Wed 15 th	Phase 3 Performance - PM - tbc - No After School Clubs
Fri 17 th	Family Picnic
Fri 17 th	LAST DAY OF TERM 6 - NO AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS

IMPORTANT! RECEPTION APPLICATIONS ARE NOW OPEN


You can now go online and register your child for a Reception place. You have until the 15th January 2020.

<https://www.bristol.gov.uk/schools-learning-early-years/school-admissions>



Fair Furlong invite you to...


Reading Café



Where: The small hall
When: Every Tuesday, 8:15am

Like last year, we are inviting you to join us at our very own 'Reading Café'. This year, it will be open to ALL families from any phase every Tuesday morning.

We will provide the books, blankets, tea (or coffee) and toast! Just bring yourselves. We look forward to seeing you all there.




We will not tolerate behaviour that is:


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NO EXCUSE FOR ABUSE

We strive to create a safe and secure environment for pupils and staff alike. And we will take action when necessary.



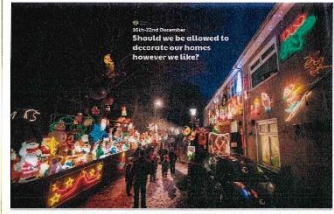
www.naht.org.uk



Picture News

at Hand

16th December 2019
What's going on this week?



A family getting into the festive spirit had their celebrations dulled when they were told by some of their neighbours to take down their Christmas decorations until closer to the 25th December. Claudia and Nick Senior put up their decorations on the 1st November. These days later, the couple received a letter from a local homeowners' association informing them that it was too soon to put up the decorations and requesting that they 'please remove the decorations until closer to the festive period'. The couple ignored the letter and left their decorations as they were.

Telling to turn about at home.

- Are there times of the year when you choose to decorate your home or room?
- Do you think that it's fair to cover them about a week before a special occasion? Why?
- Do you think the family were right to ignore the request to take their decorations down?

Please write any interesting messages or comments here...

Share your thoughts and read the opinions of others on our discussion board: www.picturenews.co.uk/discuss

First Response - Are you a parent who needs support with a difficult issue, from your child's behaviour to a problem related to domestic abuse? Are you a young person who needs to talk to someone about things that are worrying you? www.bristol.gov.uk/page/children-and-young-people/first-response-bristol-report-concerns-about-child-social-worker 01179036444
 Telephone number: 0117 9036444

DATA PROTECTION REGULATION - You may not be aware but the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) comes into force in May 2018. As part of our preparations we are conducting due diligence for all parents to be aware of the new regulation and how it affects their child and the way the school deals with their personal data. Under the new regulation we have a responsibility to ensure to the best of our ability that any personal data held is up to date. We would ask that should any of your personal data change i.e. telephone number, address, medical needs etc that you please inform the school as soon as possible so we can update our records. You will still receive an annual data collection sheet every September but we would ask you not to wait but inform the school of any changes immediately