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Dear Parents and Carers,

Another busy week at Fairfield has seen lots of you come to our 'New to year group' meetings. We are hoping that this will make life a little easier, knowing more about your child's day and the year group expectations which change from year to year. Thank you very much for attending.

#### Mobile Phones

The children who have brought phones in have been really responsible and have handed them into staff when they have entered school. We do appreciate your support with this.

#### School Values

We gave out certificates for showing 'happiness' today, whether this was just being happy themselves or bringing a smile to others.

Next week our value that we will celebrate is resilience.

#### Parking

Another plea to please park sensibly outside of school. There have been a couple of incidents this week that caused concern. Traffic enforcement have been informed and may be making a visit to school to monitor the situation. The safety of you and your children is very important to us.

#### Names in clothing

Please could you make sure that you put names in all of your children's clothes. Don't go to the expense of buying special labels – a Sharpie pen will do the trick. Without names we have to rely on the children doing the 'sniff test' where they can somehow detect their jumper by its smell! We already have a small mountain of lost property so if you have lost anything please come to the office and they will direct you to the lost property box.

#### Bag found

A Middlesbrough Football Club backpack has been found on the grass area outside of school. If anyone has lost one please let the office know.

### Holidays in term time

Just to clarify our policy on taking holidays during term time. We follow the Stockton Borough Council guidance as there is no national statutory information. However, we have been made aware that the government intend to make this the same for all local authorities.

No holiday will be authorised. This means that an unauthorised mark will be given for the days they are absent. Holidays of 4 days and under will be unauthorised but no fine will be given.

Holidays of 5 days and over will be fined. This is £60 per parent, per child. We do appreciate that this is expensive but most parents do take children on holiday during term time as it is far cheaper.

There may be exceptional circumstances for taking holiday out of term time so if you feel that this is the case, please contact the school office for guidance.

We do not receive any money in school from these fines as they are issued by the local authority.

### Links to our facebook page and the school website.

<https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100068208664779>

<https://www.fairfieldprimary.org.uk/>

### Dates for your diary

September 20 <sup>th</sup> (am)	National Fitness Day
October 11 <sup>th</sup> , 12 <sup>th</sup> and 13 <sup>th</sup>	Robinwood
w/b October 16 <sup>th</sup>	Parent evenings (specific year group days to be confirmed)
October 27 <sup>th</sup>	Last day of half term
November 6 <sup>th</sup>	PD day for staff – school closed to children
November 7 <sup>th</sup>	First day back for children
December 19 <sup>th</sup>	Last day of term for Christmas
January 3 <sup>rd</sup> and 4 <sup>th</sup>	PD days for staff
January 5 <sup>th</sup>	First day back for children

I hope you all have a lovely weekend and many thanks for your continued support in school.

Best Wishes

Mrs Dunford (Acting Head Teacher)