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Dear Parents and Carers,

We have celebrated the children's resilience this week in our 'Good Work' assemblies. It is often very difficult for staff to choose the children who they would like to give their certificate to as so many of them behave exceptionally well.

We have made a few changes to our curriculum this year and we thank you for your support as we try new things, all to benefit the children.

The Fairfield value that we will be concentrating on next week is tolerance.

Year 5 Scavenger Hunt

Some year 5 children went on a scavenger hunt today and had a lovely time. Mr Fox and Mrs Fountain commented on their wonderful behaviour and teamwork. Well done Year 5!

Homework

Thank you for supporting us with your children's homework. We know it can be difficult sometimes to get them to do it but reading is one thing that we would be grateful if you can support us with. If a child can't read, they can't access the curriculum anywhere near as easily as the children who can.

We carry out extra reading interventions with some pupils but little and often at home is so helpful too.

Coming to and from school

An incident was brought to our attention last night by a neighbour of school who was quite upset by inconsiderate parking near his property. Also, at the end of the day, some of our children trespassed on his property and he was met with abusive language from adults as he tried to stop them.

We try to maintain good relationships with all people who live near school and appreciate it can often be tricky to park but it is often less stressful for everyone if people parked further away and walked the last part of the journey. We would love to be able to offer a solution to this ongoing problem but it seems impossible. Thank you for supporting us with this.

Reception pick-up

If you have children further up the school, please could you collect the reception children first. If you have to queue with older children, please do not let them play with or on Reception play equipment. Thank you.

Information for our new handwriting policy.

You can follow the instructions below that will allow you to see the handwriting that we have introduced in school. There are lots of activities that you can try at home if you would like to.

The results so far in school are unbelievable. The children are working so hard and it is really making a difference. We can't wait to show you their books.

Letter-join Pupil log-in

Our school is now part of the Letter-join handwriting scheme and our pupils can log in to the Letter-join website at home on iPads, tablets and computers.

There you will find the same, easy-to-use handwriting resources that we use at school.



PC DESKTOP AND LAPTOP LOG-IN

Log in at www.letterjoin.co.uk and use the Desktop log-in option with these details:

Username:
Password:

PC Browsers:

Letter-join will work on the following browsers on PCs/Macs:

- Google Chrome
- Safari

Do not use Internet Explorer.

IPAD AND TABLET LOG-IN

Go to www.letterjoin.co.uk and use the Tablet log-in option with these details:

Username:

Swipe code
(starting at top left):



Safari browser.

- Windows 8 tablets (8 inch and bigger) using the built-in browser.
- Android tablets (8 inch and bigger) using Google Chrome.

Tablet/iPad Browsers:

Letter-join will run on the following tablets:

- iPads running iOS7 and above through the

Choose a Classroom



Once logged-in, choose your child's classroom and you can use Letter-join's resources and fun activities to reinforce the handwriting we teach at school. You can trace over the letters and words and play the games on your tablet.

We are limited to the number of users who can log in to this account

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.

Sickness

Just a reminder that if your children has sickness or diarrhoea, they need to stay at home for 48 hours after the last episode. Thank you.

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

October 11th, 12th and 13th

w/b October 16th

October 27th

November 6th

November 7th

December 19th

January 3rd and 4th

January 5th

Robinwood

Parent evenings (specific year group days to be confirmed)

Last day of half term

PD day for staff – school closed to children

First day back for children

Last day of term for Christmas

PD days for staff

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)

