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Dear Parents and Carers,

I can't believe it is Friday again!

Nursery Raffle

Mrs Hodgson asked me to say a massive thank you to parents and carers of nursery children who have donated some really wonderful prizes for their raffle and bought lots of tickets already. The raffle is to raise funds to buy new equipment for the outside are, including a new sandpit. We really do appreciate your generosity with this!

If anyone else would like to buy raffle tickets, Mrs Clayton and I will be selling them before school on Monday and Tuesday in the KS1 playground.

Year 2

Miss Noble has unfortunately had to have an operation and will be off until after half term. Mrs Hughff, who knows the children really well, will be the class teacher until Miss Noble returns. We wish her a speedy recovery.

Halloween Disco

Thank you to everyone who has bought a ticket for the Halloween disco. The closing date to buy tickets is today.

Reception and nursery are having their own party day so that they don't miss out!

Robinwood

Some of our year four and five children have spent three days at Robinwood in Cumbria this week. They are due back at the end of the school day. I have had messages to say that the children have been brilliant and have had a wonderful time. The photos on Facebook say it all!

A huge thank you to Mrs Clayton and Mrs Robinson for organising the whole thing. It takes up a lot of their time but is well worth it!

Food Bank

Another thank you to everyone who has so far donated to the food bank collection which we do every year for harvest time. The food bank will be collecting the donations on October 16 so if you have anything else that you would like to give, please send them in on Monday morning.

Parents Evenings

Parents evenings and open evenings take place next week after school. For Early years and KS1, the classrooms will be open to all parents to look at children's work. KS2 parents will have an individual appointment with the class teacher. Please book an appointment if you have not yet done so.

Please visit <https://fairfield.schoolcloud.co.uk/> to book your appointments, the link will close at midnight.

Christmas cards

If your child would like to hand in their designs to have their own Christmas cards made, the closing date is also Monday 16 October.

Police visit

A PCSO came to see me yesterday to let us know that a group of children, aged about 8 years old, have been cycling up the path of a house nearby school each morning and banging on the door. The gentleman who lives there is very frail and has just had an operation. The PCSO isn't sure if the children attend our school but please talk to your child, especially if they cycle to school, about respecting other people. I will chat to them in assembly too. I am sure that it isn't our children as they are so polite and well-mannered.

Nite Light CIC

We are still collecting crisp packets for the Nite Light charity. Thank you so much to everyone for sending them in so far. We have a bag in the dinner hall for children to put crisp packets in from their packed lunches to

PLEASE NOTE THAT DOGS ARE NOT ALLOWED ON SCHOOL PREMISES.

Holidays in term time

As previously stated, Fairfield Primary 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.

Please can you ensure if you are handing a holiday form in, that it is signed by both parents, if they both have parental responsibility, if the form is not completed correctly it will be returned to you.

Attendance

If your child is unwell, please could you call the office **every day** to let us know. It is important that we know every day that they are not coming in. Thank you for this.

[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

w/b October 16	Parent evenings- appointments are live on our system
October 27	Last day of half term
November 6	PD day for staff – school closed to children
November 7	First day back for children
December 19	Last day of term for Christmas
January 3 and 4	PD days for staff
January 5	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)