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Dear Parents and Carers,

Lost Property

We have a large amount of lost property in school so if you know you are missing something, please come into school to have a look. The remaining items will be put into our clothing bank at half term.

Playground

When dropping off and waiting to collect your children, please could you keep younger children off the ramp leading to year three and four. We have already had an accident on here since the beginning of term. Thank you

Cross Country

Some of our children went to represent our school at cross country on Wednesday. The children, as usual were amazing and Hannah came third overall! A brilliant result. Also some of our children are through to the next part of the competition, an excellent achievement.

Eden Camp

Our Year five children went to Eden Camp on Wednesday as part of their work on World War Two. They had a great day and I am sure the trip brought their learning to life.

Dogs Trust

The Dogs Trust came into school this week to talk to the children in KS2. The assembly was fun and informative and helped the children to understand the potential for incidents with all dogs. Given the recent reports in the press about dogs attacking people, we thought it would be of great benefit to the children and they seemed to enjoy the workshops afterwards too.

PLEASE NOTE THAT DOGS ARE NOT ALLOWED ON SCHOOL PREMISES.

School Disco

We are having a Halloween school disco on Wednesday 25 October, after school. More information to follow early next week!

Nite Lite CIC

One of our pupils, Oliver, showed me something today and asked if we, as a school, could help. The charity, Nite Lite CIC, based in Middlesbrough are taking part in a project to make sleeping bags for the homeless out of crisp packets. The crisp packets need to have foil on the inside to retain heat. We will share their Facebook page on our school Facebook, but will also be collecting crisp packets in school to help the charity.

Please send in any crisp packets that are empty and we will collect crisp packets from the dinner hall too.



Nite Light CIC

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Sleeping bags are something that costs us a small fortune. We are starting a project which recycles crisp packets and makes sleeping bags. These are water proof and warmer due to the foil acting as an insulator. It takes 150 crisp packets to make a sleeping bag, can you help collect them at home, school or your place of work?

The packets need to have the foil on the inside, thank you 😊❤️

[#recycling](#) [#helpingothers](#) [#homelessness](#)

Many thanks for your support.

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.

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.

Covid

The dreaded Covid seems to be on the rise in school and we have had a number of staff and children that have tested positive. Please be aware of this, if your child feels unwell. The advice is to stay away from people for 3 days or until they feel well.

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