

13<sup>th</sup> November 2020

# Fairfield Newsletter

## Weekly Update

On Wednesday two minute silence took place to remember the service and sacrifice of the Armed Forces community from Britain and the Commonwealth. Children have been making poppies throughout the school and these are now displayed in the main playground on a beautiful swathe representing Flanders Field.



Thank you to all who have come today dressed in colourful and/or spotty non-uniform. All money raised will go towards BBC Children in Need. Together, we can change young lives.

Our children continue to SHINE and amaze us every day. This week, children in Reception have enjoyed a virtual visit from a Space Scientist. Y1 have delighted their teachers with brilliant Goldilocks stories. Y2 children have been accessing their daily Class Dojo videos to help continue their learning from home. Y3 have enjoyed learning about and describing different habitats. Y4 are now 'bar model experts' – please ask them to share their understanding with you! Light, camera, action... for our children in Y5; superb role play whilst listening to Now Press Play narratives. Finally, our Y6 superstars are really loving learning about the Titanic and have started to create information leaflets using their knowledge about this historic event – well done!

## Friends of Fairfield - PTFA

An email has been sent earlier this week, sharing the nominations for the roles of Chair and Vice-Chair for the 'Friends of Fairfield' Committee.

To vote for your preferred candidate, please follow the link below. This will require a google log-in and will limit responses to one per person. If you wish to vote, please complete the form by Monday 16<sup>th</sup> November at 9am.

[Friends of Fairfield - PTFA Elections](#)

Many thanks for your support with this process.

## Free School Meals Eligibility

We appreciate family circumstances are always changing. You may qualify for free school meals if you receive one of the following benefits:

- Income support
- Income-based Job Seekers Allowance
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- The guaranteed element of State Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit with an annual gross income into the household that is no more than £16,190, provided you are not entitled to Working Tax Credit. If you are entitled to any part of Working Tax Credit there is no eligibility with the exception of Working Tax run-on as shown below
- Working Tax Credit run-on – paid for 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit
- Universal Credit

With your consent, we can make the application on your behalf using The Online Free School Meal (OFSM) system. This system complies with DfE Eligibility Checking Service and automatically manages the entitlement for each child whilst they remain at Fairfield.

If you would like school to make an application for FSM on your behalf, please click on the link and complete the google form, providing us with: your name, date of birth, contact details, National Insurance Number or National Asylum Seekers Number, your child's name and date of birth.

[Free School Meal - Eligibility Check](#)

Once we have made the application an email will be sent to school and yourself. If the email confirms your child is not eligible for FSM that application data will be held by the school and LA. Your application will be reassessed for a period of 42 days to take into account any recent changes regarding benefits etc. A member of our office team will be in touch should your application be successful and you become eligible.

## Christmas Cards

If any children would like to send Christmas cards to their friends this year, we request that these are sent in by Friday 11<sup>th</sup> December. They will then go into 'Christmas quarantine' until being delivered by Christmas Elves from the 15<sup>th</sup> Dec. ☺

## Menu week commencing 16th November 2020

<b>Monday</b>	Chicken curry/Quorn curry, Steamed rice, Sweetcorn, Naan bread Cheese/Ham/Tuna Sandwiches, fruit, crisps, biscuit	Cornflake shortcake & Custard Cheese & Biscuits / Fresh Fruit & Yogurts
<b>Tuesday</b>	Roast Chicken / Roast Quorn, Creamed Potatoes, Yorkshire Pudding, Carrots, gravy, Cheese/Ham/Tuna Sandwiches, fruit, crisps, biscuit	Butterscotch Tart Cheese & Biscuits / Fresh Fruit & Yogurts
<b>Wednesday</b>	Mince Beef Pasta Bolognese/Bean Bake, Garden Peas, Garlic Slice	Chocolate Shirley Biscuit Cheese & Biscuits / Fresh Fruit & Yogurts
<b>Thursday</b>	Roast Turkey / Roast Quorn, Broccoli, Creamed Potatoes, Stuffing Cheese/Ham/Tuna Sandwiches, fruit, crisps, biscuit	Iced Chocolate Shortcake Cheese & Biscuits / Fresh Fruit & Yogurts
<b>Friday</b>	Fish Cake/Roast Vegetable Parcel, Baked Beans, Chips	Fruit Muffin Cheese & Biscuits / Fresh Fruit & Yogurts

*\*Bread and Salad will be available at lunch*

*\*If you pay for **school dinners** for your child(ren) in KS2 (Y3-6) during Autumn Term; these will be delivered as packed lunches to their classrooms. We will aim for at least two school dinners per week to be a 'hot packed lunch' (Wednesday and Friday). **Universal Free School Meals** for EYFS and KS1 (Y1&Y2) will continue to be provided in the dining hall.*

## Activities for week commencing 16th November 2020

<b>Monday</b>	Pro-Friendship and Anti-Bullying Week Road Safety Week INSPIRE Musical Instrument Lessons
<b>Tuesday</b>	<i>Cancelled: SEND surgery 9:30am via Zoom – Moved to Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> November at 9:30am via Zoom</i>
<b>Wednesday</b>	Year 3 new parents event via Zoom 9:30am & 1pm INSPIRE Musical Instrument Lessons Fairfield Foragers
<b>Thursday</b>	Year 5 Big Family Quiz via Zoom 5:30pm
<b>Friday</b>	

### Calendar – Autumn Term

**16/11** Road Safety Week  
**17/11** - SEND coffee morning via Zoom 9:30am  
**18/11** - Year 3 New Starters 2021 – Online Events (9:30am/1:00pm)  
**19/11** – Year 5 Big Family Quiz – via Zoom 5:30pm  
**24/11** – WOW Celebration - Showcase of brilliant work  
**25/11** – September 2021 new starter event via Zoom 4pm  
**26/11** - EYFS New Starters 2021 Zoom 9:30am & 1:30pm  
**30/11** – St Andrew's Day – Wear Blue non-uniform: Donations for Reverse Advent Calendar  
**02/12** – Flu Immunisations in school  
**03/12** – 9am – Principal's Coffee Morning (Zoom)  
**04/12** – INSET Day  
**11/12** – Stop and SHINE Reports  
**14-18/12** – Christmas Jumper Week & Christmas Dinners

### Reverse Advent Calendar 2020

Our Fairfield Primary Academy reverse advent calendar was so successful last year, we're going to do it again.

Between the dates of Monday 30th November and Monday 14th December, each classroom will have a decorated Christmas box for the children to add a non-perishable item to. In a class of 30 children, that could be 30 donated items! This year, your donated items will go straight to the Broxtowe Community Project.

For more information, please see the summary overview sent alongside our Newsletter this week.