

Monday 7<sup>th</sup> December 2020

# Fairlawn

Primary School



## Dear Families

Welcome back to Year 6. It was lovely to see you in school today and well done for engaging so brilliantly with online learning. Please remember to return your borrowed devices.

### Covid-19 update

As you know, we have had a number of covid-19 cases at Fairlawn over the last two weeks. The school was closed on Friday for an additional clean. As an extra measure, from today, adults will be wearing masks in communal areas. We understand the inconvenience of a whole year group bubble being closed. It has been necessary because either the infected individual had contact with the whole year group or there were confirmed cases in each class. This is something that we will be reviewing in the New Year and will write to you then. This week we are looking forward to welcoming back years 1 and 2. A very big thank you to everyone, teachers, children and families for taking on the challenge of bubble closures. The positive feedback about the learning and well wishes that we have received have been really appreciated. If during self-isolation your child becomes ill, please do still notify the school office by phone or email.

## Diary Dates

**Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup>** - Year 2 return

**Thursday 10<sup>th</sup>** - Year 1 return

**Monday 14<sup>th</sup>** - EYFS return

**Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup>** - Year 3 return

**Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> December** - Christmas Jumper Day

**Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> December** - Christmas Dinner Day

**Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> December** - Year 5 return

**Friday 18<sup>th</sup> December** - Last day of term. Children return to school on **Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> January**.

## Stars of the Week

**Year 1** - are all superstars this week for their enthusiasm, determination and resilience they have shown with their online learning this week. We are so proud of you all - you are truly amazing! **2K** - Are all superstars and are going to have a Zoom in the room party when we return, because they have been so incredible with Zoom! I simply could not pick one without depriving the others of credit.

I must add that the quality of their learning has been exceptionally high since the lockdown, and I can see really clear progress from all the emailed pictures! **2T - Hamish** - For adjusting so brilliantly to learning remotely and being very resilient with things he has found tricky.

**3E - Ruby R** - because she is an independent and attentive learner, showing the resilience to give everything a go and to retry when needed. **3F - Airas** - has such a brilliant attitude during class and around school and is always a great role model for his peers! **3S - Alec** - has been really developing his focus, and producing some great learning. He should know that we do notice and it is truly appreciated, well done, Alec. **4A - Anna** - she could be a star every week: she is kind to others, she puts her best efforts into all of her learning and she has been really trying hard to contribute more to discussions and debates. **4E - Conrad** - for showing great enthusiasm for his learning. We have been so impressed by his thoughtful artwork and super maths reasoning. He is a great friend and role model to his peers.

**5M - Margot** - for always contributing wonderful ideas in class, being extremely polite and she has begun to believe in herself a lot more, which has definitely shown in her learning. **5S - Amaiya** - for being incredibly resilient and having a positive attitude towards her maths learning this week. She has really pushed and stretched herself to take on challenges - very impressive! **6C - Eve** - is star of the week for having excellent organisational and independent learning skills whilst completing learning online. She has also contributed great ideas during our daily Zoom lessons. I am very proud! **6MC - Bebe** - for the incredible amount of effort she put into her learning whilst being very organised with her Zoom lessons. Every piece of learning has been completed to a very high standard, and you could see the effort and time that had gone into it.

**Have a great week,  
The Fairlawn Team**



## Fairlawn PTA News

### Christmas Trees

Christmas trees have been delivered. Thank you so much for your support, we have collected £1700 tbc. Let the most wonderful time of the year begin!

### Class-by-Class Contributions

Many thanks to all our class reps who have set up justgiving pages to help raise funding for the PTA via voluntary donations. Also, an even BIGGER thank you to everyone who has already donated. So far, we have raised an impressive £4112 via these donations! The school have emailed details for each class. If you have not received details and would like to contribute, please email [pta@fairlawnschool.net](mailto:pta@fairlawnschool.net) and we will try to connect you.

### Easy Fundraising and Amazon Smile

Please remember to use Easyfundraising when doing your Christmas shopping, your weekly grocery shopping, booking holidays or paying utilities. Log into Easyfundraising, set up your account benefiting Fairlawn and access your favourite online shopping sites from there. You will raise funds with each purchase at no extra cost to you. Please encourage friends and relatives to do the same. <https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/fairlawnpta/>

Sign up to Amazon Smile and link your account to Fairlawn PTA. It costs nothing, can be set up in less than a minute, and raises money direct to PTA.

### Sign up to Your School Lottery and Lottery Gift Vouchers

Congratulations to Esme Yuill, our School Lottery winner last week. Do sign up to help us raise funds by joining Your School Lottery for as little as £1 per week. 76% of this funding comes back to the school community - 40% to the PTA, and 36% into prizes. It really is a win-win!

<https://www.yourschoollottery.co.uk/lottery/school/fairlawn-primary>

Christmas shopping is not easy this year. We have a perfect solution – Lottery Gift Vouchers! For every £5 gift voucher you buy, our school receives £2, and the recipient gets 5 chances to win £25,000! Offer ends 19th of December. Here is the link for buying Lottery Gift Vouchers: <https://www.yourschoollottery.co.uk/gift>

### Lost Property

Please take a moment to check for any missing belongings. We have a large amount of lost property in the lower playground. Please ensure clothing is labelled, as this will help us to return it to your child.

### Bike shed

We are pleased to announce that our bike shed, situated at the bottom of the vehicle slope, is back in action. You can store your child's bike or scooter here during the day. We strongly encourage you to avoid travelling to school by car. Walking or wheeling is far better for our health, safety and the environment.

## Mr Aldridge's Sports News

### Skip-2-Be-Fit

We are continuing to explore the idea of re-subscribing to Skip-2-B-Fit for some of our year groups. Skip-2-B-Fit is a skipping programme that the school were involved in a few years ago. More details to follow in January 2021.

### Sporting Achievements

Now that many of the children's sports clubs have reopened after lockdown, do not forget to send us your child's sporting achievements, so that they can be celebrated in our weekly newsletter:

[saldridge@fairlawnschool.net](mailto:saldridge@fairlawnschool.net)

### Surprising but True

Did you know that Tug of War was an Olympic event from 1900-1920 and was part of the "athletics programme" in the summer games? Over those years, Great Britain was awarded the most medals in the event with five, including two golds!

### Even more Surprising but True

Did you know that due to its softness and resilience, animal intestine, mainly from sheep, cow or goat, used to be the most commonly used material to make the strings on a tennis racquet?

## MR. BALOGUN'S 'SPORTS STARS' WILL RETURN IN JANUARY 2021!

### Music Lesson Updates

**Brass lessons:** We currently have spaces, if you would like to learn to play or for any other music lesson enquiries, please contact [gillianjones.horn@btinternet.com](mailto:gillianjones.horn@btinternet.com).

**Violin lessons:** We are going to have some spaces available in the New Year. If you would like to register interest, please email [tsharpe@fairlawnschool.net](mailto:tsharpe@fairlawnschool.net)