

Monday 12th September 2022

Fairlawn

Primary School



Dear Families,

During this time of public mourning of the death of HM Queen Elizabeth II, we will be discussing her legacy in class, whilst also being mindful that bereavement is a sensitive topic. Following an announcement from the DFE, we will close the school on Monday 19th September, the day of her funeral.



'Moving Stories' Competition

Last Wednesday, the Migration Museum, based in Lewisham Shopping Centre, led an assembly to launch the 'Moving Stories' competition. Our children have been invited to design an exhibit that explores migration and what it means to them. The story of migration to and from Britain is huge. It covers thousands of years, involves millions of people, connects Britain to every corner of the globe and affects all aspects of our daily lives from our families, the music we listen to and the food we eat, to the streets that we walk down ... and so much more. Migration affects us on a personal level, as families, communities and as nations. Children can work in small groups, with friends or family to come up with an original, creative idea.

You can find out more information and complete the entry form below:

<https://www.migrationmuseum.org/movingstorieslewisham/>

If you have any questions, please contact revans@fairlawnschool.net

World Afro Day

On Thursday 15th September, we will be celebrating World Afro Day.

Founder Michelle De Leon says that:

"World Afro Day is a global day of change, education and celebration of Afro hair; endorsed by the UN Office of the High Commissioner for Human rights."

The aim is to tackle discrimination against Afro hair, empower people with Afro hair and raise awareness in wider society.

Volunteers Needed!

A number of you kindly volunteered to help school last year. We would love to have more volunteers. You could support out door learning, listen to children read, support in class or help children with their Maths passports and more! Just an hour a week of your time is a great help to us. If you can spare some time please let Ms Ryans know. hryans@fairlawnschool.net

New Internet Safety Resources

Internet Matters have created dedicated hubs on their website for early years, primary and secondary aged children. These hubs are full of information and resources for families, including common issues, top apps and platforms, resources and advice.

Direct links to these hubs are Early Years [HERE](#) Primary [HERE](#) Secondary [HERE](#)

Meet the Teacher

This week we will be holding our Meet the Teacher events via zoom (details sent last week). They start at 4pm on the following dates:

Tuesday 13th Sept - Years 1 and 2

Wednesday 14th Sept - Years 3 and 4

Thursday 15th Sept - Years 5 and 6

Diary Dates

Tuesday 13th September – Peoplescape Theatre Year 6

Monday 19th September - Bank Holiday

Thursday 29th September – Reception and Year 6 – Height and Weight

Wednesday 12th October – 6S trip to Chislehurst Caves

Friday 14th October – 6C trip to Chislehurst Caves

Monday 17th October – Harvest Festival assembly

Monday 17th October – 4pm – 7pm - Parents Evening

Thursday 20th October – 4pm – 7pm – Parents Evening

Monday 24th October – Friday 28th October – Half term. Children return to school on Monday 31st October.

We are beginning to add dates to the calendar on our website.

Learning Heroes of the Week



This year, to replace star of the week, we will be celebrating five learning heroes in each class every week. Their names will be published here.

Vocabulary

We have had a whole school focus on teaching vocabulary for the last few years. This year we will be publishing the weekly vocabulary in our newsletter so that you can discuss and use the new words at home.

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

www.fairlawn.lewisham.sch.uk

School Reminders

Secondary School Open Days

If your child has a secondary school induction/open day, please email Francesca with the dates, detailing the times and if your child will return to school. fmarbaix@fairlawnschool.net

Year 3 Lunches

Children in year 3 are no longer entitled to universal free school meals. They may be entitled to Free School Meals (FSM) due to your circumstances, please contact the office if you wish to find out more. <https://www.lewisham.gov.uk/myservices/education/student-pupil-support/free-school-meals-and-extra-support-for-your-child>

Applying to start secondary school 2023

If your child is due to start secondary school in September 2023, the deadline for submitting your application is **Monday 31st October 2022**. If you have any queries or require help, please contact Michelle in the office; mpay@fairlawnschool.net

School Lunches and Dinner Money

If you would like to change your child's lunch option for this term please email Francesca, fmarbaix@fairlawnschool.net Lunches cost **£2.30** a day.

Lunch money for the first half of the Autumn term is **£80.50**. The amount for the second half is **£80.50**. The amount payable for the whole of the Autumn term is **£161.00**. Please pay via ParentPay.

Absence from School

If your child is absent from school due to sickness, or any other reason, we must be informed before **8.45am** on the first day of absence and **everyday thereafter**. Please report your child's absence on the designated absence line, or email fmarbaix@fairlawnschool.net explaining the reason for absence. **If your child is suffering from diarrhoea or vomiting, they cannot be in school until 48 hours after the last bout of the illness.**

Requesting days off

If you need to request an absence for your child, for any reason, excluding medical appointments, you need to request permission from the Head Teacher. We can only authorise absences for exceptional circumstances. Please email Michelle; mpay@fairlawnschool.net to place a request.

Punctuality

School starts at **8:45 am**. We are marking your child as late if they arrive after 8:55am. If your child arrives 10 minutes late every day, that adds up to almost an hour of school lost every single week!

Medications

If your child requires medication throughout the day, please come to the office to complete an authorisation form. We will be unable to administer medications without you first giving consent. Please email Francesca fmarbaix@fairlawnschool.net if you have any questions. Thank you.

Music Lessons

If your child would like to have music lessons, please see below for contact details;

Brass Lessons; Christine Norsworthy;
norsworthy.christine@gmail.com

Guitar Lessons; Martin Budd;
martinbuddguitar@hotmail.com

Flute/Sax/Clarinet; efellows@fairlawnschool.net

Mr Aldridge's Sports News

SPORTS NEWS TO RETURN NEXT WEEK

Sporting Achievements

At Fairlawn, we love to hear about the children's sporting achievements. Please send any sports news my way and it will get a mention here in our weekly newsletter: saldridge@fairlawnschool.net



Fairlawn PTA News

Welcome back

The PTA team are really happy to welcome everyone back to a new school year. A special warm welcome to all the new reception families and carers, we are so glad you are joining us.

Class reps

Please could all class reps email pta@fairlawnschool.net with their name and mobile details.

Contact the PTA team

The PTA would love to hear from you if have any ideas or suggestions or if there are any events you think the children would really enjoy supporting or getting involved in we would really appreciate your input. Please contact pta@fairlawnschool.net and we will be in touch.

Join the team

If you would like to join the team and help co-ordinate events or have any ideas or suggestions, please do email pta@fairlawnschool.net

Easy Fundraising and Amazon Smile

Please remember to use Easyfundraising when doing 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 **John Thiede**, 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.

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

and search for Fairlawn.

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Calling All Wizards

SUPPORT OUR LOTTERY AND YOU COULD WIN:

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& The Cursed Child
Family Theatre Voucher

&

Harry Potter
Warner Brothers Studio
Family Tour Ticket

- Please help boost our school fundraising
- Cash prize every week
- Win up to £25,000!
- Tickets cost just £1 a week

To play the lottery, go to:
www.yourschoollottery.co.uk
and search for: Fairlawn

Supporters must be 16 years of age or older. Offer ends 29th Oct 2022. Terms and conditions apply (see website)