

Fairhaven Friends

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Diary Dates

Thurs 4th Jan First day of spring term

Feb 19th – 23rd Half Term

Wed 27th Mar Last day of the Spring term

Thank you to everyone who attended our Nativity Services last week. The younger children retold the story from the viewpoint of a grumpy sheep and the older children created an advent tree whilst retelling the Nativity story. Both sets of children spoke and sung amazingly well, and the services helped to remind us of the true meaning of Christmas - love, peace and goodwill to all.



A big thank you to our Key Stage 2 band (**Mrs Brocklehurst, Luke, Jessie and Ian**) who accompanied the children and really helped to give the service a special sound.

On Monday, we held our Christmas music concert at St Lawrence's. Those children who learn to play the piano or saxophone with Mrs. Brocklehurst performed in front of their parents. It is a fitting venue for our pupils to experience playing to an audience, some for the very first time. Well done to them all and to Mrs Brocklehurst, who teaches them with so much enthusiasm and dedication.

Yesterday, the school hall rocked when our Rock Steady bands played for the whole school and their parents. It was a lively thirty minutes, but the music was thoroughly enjoyed by everyone.



Today, we are saying a sad farewell to **Mrs Claxton**. Mrs Claxton has had a long career in teaching and joined us to teach Oak Class in 2018. We thank her for all her hard work over the last few years, and the staff and the pupils wish her well in the future. Last week, we also said goodbye to Miss

Ellis, one of our Midday Supervisors and Breakfast Club leaders. Again, thank you, **Miss Ellis**, for all your hard work in school over the last few years. Good luck in your new position.

I wish everyone a peaceful and happy Christmas and look forward to seeing you all on Thursday 4th January 2024! Thank you for all your support this year.

Mrs S Lake



Kitchen news

Well done to Mrs Howlett and Miss Penn for receiving a 5 Food Hygiene Rating for the kitchen this week.

Also, for preparing Christmas lunch for the whole school. It was amazing!

100% Attendance for the term

Well done to the following children who managed to stay well and attend school every day this term: Edward, Ronnie, Toby S, George S, George W, Eliza, Imogen CC, Toby H, Nancy, Mollie L, Dylan C, Archie, Bradley, Flora, Isla I, Libby, Harris, Buster, Billy, Penny, Lennon, Harry, Robert, Polly, Ella, Robbie and Cooper.

Piano Success!

Many congratulations to Harry and Frazey from Oak Class, who have both recently passed their Initial Grade piano exam with flying colours! A lot of hard work went into the preparation and they were rewarded with some fantastic marks! We are very proud of you!

Do you have?

If anyone uses up any rolls of sticky tape over Christmas, please could Mrs Brocklehurst have the cardboard circles from the middle. *Thank you!*

A big thank you to everyone to ordered Christmas cards and other items. We have received £85 commission.



We have also received just under £100 commission from Tempest Photographers. These funds will be used to buy new books for the children.



Edie Ollie Rhys
Flora Timmy

Stars of the Term



Sycamore

Penelope has settled into school life and is now engaging well in her learning.

Sophia has worked hard on her handwriting and also for being a kind friend.

Imogen always participates well in our class discussions and demonstrates good knowledge in our topic work.

Chestnut Class

Imogen for her improved resilience and positive attitude towards her learning. Since September, Imogen's ability to keep going when tasks get tricky has improved massively, she is also much more enthusiastic about giving things a go and starting her work independently.



Jack for his thoughtful contributions to class discussions. Jack is always keen to engage in conversations about our learning - sharing what he already knows as well as asking thoughtful questions to extend his learning further.

Erin for the effort she has made to improve her handwriting. Erin has been making sure her lowercase letters are a consistent size on the line and has made a clear improvement in the tidiness of her presentation across all subjects.

Ralph for being a fantastic star learner. Ralph is ready to learn 100% of the time, he consistently listens carefully, is quick to follow instructions and is always respectful of others when they are speaking.

Beech

Charlie Co for his hard work and understanding within all tasks! He is always determined to do as much as possible in as much detail as possible!

Archie for consistently tries his very best in every lesson and enjoys learning! His answers within our reading lessons have excellent, showing how well he listens to what we have read!

Isla for her consistently high standards, hard work, politeness and overall 'STAR learner' qualities!

Oak Class

Cooper for always being kind, calm and hard working. He goes the extra mile with his hand writing and vocabulary found in the dictionary. His specialist knowledge of birds and wildlife in general is spectacular. He is a fantastic STAR learner. Well done Cooper!

Kya, because she tries so very hard in every subject including P.S.H.E. where she contributes so thoughtfully. Kya also goes home and prepares extra work after lessons at home to show the class the next day. She is incredibly

hard working and a great role model for her peers. Well done Kya!

Aaron for his progress in maths and reading this year so far. He has moved up through the levels, and he reads much more quickly and accurately now. He beat everyone on 'Hit the Button' tournament. Mrs Walker agrees that he has worked so incredibly hard in all subjects. Well done Aaron!

Ella and Robert for being the best librarians EVER! The library has never looked so beautiful.

Midday Supervisor Awards

Since October half term, our Midday Supervisors have been awarding children with stickers or tokens for lovely manners in the dinner hall, eating their lunch well or for good friendship skills on the playground.

In Sycamore and Chestnut Class, the children are given a sticker at the end of playtime. You may have noticed your child come home wearing one of these. In Beech and Oak Class, the children are given a token to pass on to their teacher. Well done to all the children who have received a sticker or token.

The following Key Stage 2 children have received a token at some point over the last few weeks; A special well done to Liam, who received three tokens!

Alana – 2 tokens
Archie – 2 tokens
Billy – 2 tokens
Eleanor
Ethan
Effie
Charlie Cr – 2 tokens
Frazey
Harry M – 2 tokens
James – 2 tokens
Leah
Lennon
Lexie – 2 tokens
Liam – 3 tokens
Lily
Ralph



River

Robert – 2 tokens

Ted – 2 tokens

Our lunch time awards will continue next term.

The Midday Supervisors have asked us to give a special mention to Mrs Seaman and her lunchtime girls football club for their enthusiasm and sportsmanship this term.

Congratulations to Addie & Dylan E

Well done to Addie and Dylan E who have been chosen to perform with world famous opera group and stars of X Factor, G4. They will be performing with them as part of their UK tour this weekend and will be singing a few of their Christmas hits with them.

Addie also recently performed at a special Christmas remembrance service at St Peter's mount in Norwich for The Big C Charity. Both Addie and Dylan, and several other children from Fairhaven will be performing in the South Walsham Nativity this weekend where they will be doing a number of singing and dancing numbers including a duet and solo.

Swimming Lessons



Swimming lessons for the children in Oak Class should restart in the Spring term. Children will need to bring a

sensible swimming costume, hat & towel. As soon as we have confirmation, we will let you know. We are looking for parent helpers. If you are available to assist on a Friday afternoon, please let us know and we will organise a DBS check.

A few more Christmas pictures for you to enjoy:

We rarely eat lunch all together, but Christmas lunch is an exception. Well done Mrs Howlett and Miss Penn for cooking up a festive feast for us all to enjoy.



	Beech & Oak Classes		Max no in class	Sycamore & Chestnut Classes		Max no in class
Monday	Multi Sports Club (Mr Wilson)	Pimsoils required	20			
Tuesday	Kids with Bricks (Mr Branch)	Book via www.kidswithbricks.com	20	Drawing Club (Miss Ampleford)		20
Wednesday	Art/Computer (Mrs Lake)		20	Multi Sports Club (Mr Wilson)	Pimsoils required	20
Thursday	Film Club (Mrs Fleet)		15	Film Club (Mrs Fleet)		15
Friday						

Cost of After School Clubs

Attending 1 Club per week - £6 for the half term

Attending 2 Clubs per week - £10 for the half term

Attending 3 Clubs or more per week -£12 for the half term

After school clubs will run from week beginning 8th January to week ending 16th February.
Breakfast club will restart on 4th January.

A very **BIG** thank you to **The Friends of Fairhaven** for all the lovely activities they have organised for the children this term. We couldn't do it without you.

You are amazing!

Thank you to Father Christmas for taking time out of his busy schedule to visit us!

Finally, a thank you to everyone who has sent in cards and gifts for the staff. These are very much appreciated.

**A VERY MERRY
CHRISTMAS
and Happy New Year!**

