

At Fairstead Community Primary and Nursery School, we nurture and invest in our relationships. We identify each individual's potential and work as a team to create a safe environment for everyone to grow and succeed.

20th May 2022

Dear parents and carers,

Another busy half term has nearly ended. I would like to say a huge well done to all the year 6's for completing their SAT's. They demonstrated all of the school values and the effort they put in was fantastic, all this even in the wake of the pandemic. We know not every skill is taught in school and even less are tested. Our children might be great skateboarders, fantastic at fashion design or great talkers.....they might be a people- person, a problem solver or a poet. National tests are never going to show off all these amazing skills so we should never let them forget that they have them.

Year 2 are currently completing their SAT's. This is being managed in a very child friendly way using small groups and familiar adults so that the children are able to complete them positively.

Dress Like Royalty or Red, White and Blue

The Queens Platinum Jubilee is approaching us and as a school we would like to celebrate by inviting parents in to share a picnic lunch with our children on Friday 27th May. We will open our gates to the field for you to bring your own picnic, blankets and chairs so that you can sit and enjoy lunch together hopefully in the sunshine.

Year Group	Time to arrive
Reception (Foxes and Owls)	12.00pm
Key Stage 1	12.10pm
Key Stage 2	12.10pm

If you have more than one child at school we are happy for everyone to mix.

Children (and yourselves) can arrive at school either dressed like royalty or wearing red, white and blue. The Borough Council of King's Lynn and West Norfolk has commissioned a unique souvenir Platinum Jubilee coin which has been minted and will be gifted to each primary school aged child (Reception – Yr6) in school to mark this special year for Her Majesty The Queen.

All parents will have to leave at 12.45pm so that we can organise the children back to their classrooms for the afternoon

If it does rain on the day we will cancel the picnic.

Sun Protection

At Fairstead Community Primary & Nursery School we want children and staff to enjoy the sun safely. We aim to work with staff, pupils and parents to achieve this through:

Be Safe



Be Respectful



Be a Learner



Be Responsible



EDUCATION

- We will talk about how to be safe in the sun in an assembly during the summer term.
- Parents and carers will be sent a letter explaining what the school is doing about sun protection and their responsibilities during the summer term.

PROTECTION

- On sunny days supervising staff will remind children that they need to seek shade during breaks, lunchtime, PE and school trips.
- On sunny days pupils should bring with them a named, peaked or wide-brimmed hat.
- Staff and parents are encouraged to act as good role models by practicing sun safety.
- Parents are to ensure their child has applied sunscreen (SPF 25+) before coming to school.
- Parents are to ensure that their child is able to apply his/her own sun screen to all exposed areas.
- Parents are to provide their child with a sunscreen product (SPF 25+) for use in school and on trips. This must be clearly marked with the child's name, kept in their school bag and replenished by their parent/carer as needed. In hot, sunny weather, children will be expected to re-apply their own sunscreen at lunchtime. If a child needs help with the application of sunscreen, this would only be applied to exposed areas of the child.

HYDRATION

- Pupils should bring in their own named water bottle for use during the day
- Pupils will be encouraged to drink plenty of water during hot, sunny weather.

Online Safety

We have been dealing with an increased amount of unkind behaviour with online apps such as Snapchat and Whatssapp, particularly in years 5 & 6.

Keeping up with online safety and the trends that our children engage with can be daunting.

<https://nationalonlinesafety.com/guides> has many guides to support you with keeping your child safe online, they also have an app that you can download to your phone.

As a parent or carer, **please keep a watchful eye on the content that your children are viewing.** [Speak to them openly](#) and chat about how they have been spending time on their devices; let them ask questions, too. Ensure that the [parental controls](#) are activated [on your child's device](#) and that age-restricted child profiles are properly set up any on-demand services available through the family TV (such as [Netflix](#), in this case) to prevent inappropriate content being streamed.

Follow the link here for further advice:

<https://nationalonlinesafety.com/wakeupwednesday/squid-game-trending-across-platforms-what-parents-need-to-know#>

Next half term we will be inviting parents in for an online safety briefing with staff. We will be using anonymised, real examples, of some of the messages children are sending in order to press home the reality of how children are behaving when unsupervised online.

Thank you for your continued support.

Daniel Farthing

Headteacher

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