

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.

Dear Parents and Carers,

I am writing to you today to inform you of some key dates for this term. We will be running some exciting events for parents and carers to attend which include sports days, a picnic to meet the new teacher (where that is possible) and our very own art exhibition.

At the end of this year we will be saying goodbye to Mrs Keir, Mr Williamson and Mrs Lucas. Mrs Lucas is following her passion for SEND and has gained an intervention role with The West Norfolk Academies Trust. Mr Williamson will be returning to the school he originally taught at in Dersingham. We wish all staff the best of luck with their next steps.

As we say goodbye to those staff members, we welcome new teachers to Fairstead in September. Miss Isaacs will join us in year 4. As well as completing her teaching qualification in England, Miss Isaacs has some world wide experience, having taught in Uganda and Finland.

Mrs Burroughs will join us in year 5 and brings a lot of experience to Fairstead. She has already trained in many of the approaches we use here such as Read Write Inc. and a mastery approach to maths.

Miss Waite will begin her career at Fairstead Community Primary and Nursery School by joining us in year 2. Miss Waite's background in health and social care leads her passion for inclusion.

### Year Groups 2022-23

Year Group	Teacher	
Nursery	Mrs King	Mrs Jordan
Reception	Mrs Farthing & Miss Baker	Mrs Garwood
Year 1	Mrs Hoare	Miss Bragg
Year 2	Mrs Chivers	Miss Waite
Year 3	Mrs Nwobodo	Miss Barrett
Year 4	Mr Wix	Miss Isaacs
Year 5	Mr Griggs	Mrs Burroughs
Year 6	Mr Crome-Russell	Mrs Castledine

Your child will find out which class they are in week beginning 11<sup>th</sup> July.

As well the new members of staff we will be supporting three apprentice teachers in school. Mr West in year 6, Miss Chivers in Reception and Mrs Leighton in year 4.

We have identified the recruitment of good teaching staff as a priority. The Post Graduate Teacher Apprentice (PGTA) provides an employment based route leading to the award of Qualified Teacher Status (QTS).

**Be Safe**



**Be Respectful**



**Be a Learner**



**Be Responsible**



As a school we have established our own curriculum and methods of teaching. By supporting apprentices we have the opportunity to 'grow our own' staff and give our school the chance to be part of a new way of training outstanding teachers, enabling us to be at the forefront of Initial Teacher Training.

Mrs Farthing, Mr Crome-Russell and Mr Wix have completed or are in the process of completing National Primary Qualifications for leadership and the development of teachers and along with our own internal expertise we have the skills and capacity to do this which is a very exciting opportunity for us.

### Mrs Collins

Mrs Collins has reduced her days until the end of the school year. This is to support the school as she changes the direction of her career. We know we will all miss her warm and friendly greeting at the beginning and end of the school day. We will wish her well and good luck at the end of the school year.

### Key Dates

Event	Date
<b>Summer Fayre</b>	Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> July
<b>Reception to Year 6 Art Exhibition</b>	4 <sup>th</sup> , 5 <sup>th</sup> , 6 <sup>th</sup> and 7 <sup>th</sup> July 3.30 – 4.30pm
<b>Years 3 &amp; 4 Sports Day</b>	Monday 18 <sup>th</sup> July in the afternoon
<b>Years 1 &amp; 2 Sports Day</b>	Monday 18 <sup>th</sup> July in the morning
<b>Reception (Foxes and Owls) Outdoor learning session</b>	Monday 18 <sup>th</sup> July 9.45 – 10.45 am and 2.00 – 3.00pm
<b>Years 5 &amp; 6 Sports Day</b>	Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup> July in the afternoon
<b>Year 6 Prom – Glow Party</b>	Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> July
<b>Whole school picnic lunch to meet the new teacher (where possible)</b>	Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> July
<b>Final reports to parents</b>	Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> July
<b>Transition to new class</b>	Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup> July through till Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> July

### Art Exhibition

We are excited to invite parents into school for our drawing exhibition from 4<sup>th</sup> – 7<sup>th</sup> July after school between 3.30 – 4.30pm each day. Every child from Reception to Year 6 has taken part in a 6 week drawing project and the progression from beginning to end will be displayed in the school hall. We have purchased display boards to create the exhibition to showcase our children's art work. The Friends of Fairstead will also be there to serve refreshments.

Whilst we have celebrated some sporting achievements and focussed upon reading this year we know that we have talents to uncover in other areas of the curriculum. Giving our children the opportunity to display their art work is a celebration for all their efforts so we hope that you all can join us.

**Tickets are free** and must be booked through ParentMail. These tickets are limited due to the capacity in the hall so please book yours now.

**MRS HOARE HAS USED CHILDREN'S ARTWORK IN THE DESIGN OF THE POSTERS.**

