

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.

22/07/2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

As the first full year out of the pandemic ends, we have been focussed on getting the children back into a routine, beginning to do the activities together that we had lost and getting learning back on track. We have put back the furniture that we had to move, taken down the 'keep your distance' signs and tried to get back to 'normal'.

The year has been relentless as we have faced the impact that being out of school for so long has had. We are pleased with the foundations we have laid for our continued growth in the new academic year and look forward to doing many more exciting things together.

It was wonderful to see so many of you join us for our picnics, the art exhibition and the year 6 leaver's assembly. We hope to build on these events with more opportunities for you all to come in to school and celebrate our successes.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the Friends of Fairstead Parent Group for their fantastic support this year. They have had to redefine how they work during the pandemic but never stopped supporting the children here. The Summer Fayre, leavers disco, mother's day, father's day, leaver's hoodies, Panto buses and of course the ice poles that were bought for all children during the hottest days of the year were some of their successes. Their support is invaluable and I know you will all join me in thanking them for everything they have done.

thank you

The Children will return to school on **Tuesday 6th September**. The staff will begin the year with Inset days on Friday 2nd September and Monday 5th September. The school office will be open as below on these days for collection of pre-ordered school uniform (ordered via ParentMail) and for uniform sales.

Times to collect and purchase school uniform	
Day	Time
Friday 2 nd September	1.00pm – 2.30pm
Monday 5 th September	10.00am – 12.00pm



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In preparation for the summer term we would like to take this opportunity to remind parents, carers and children of our uniform requirements.



Our school uniform consists of **white shirt or polo shirt, black or grey trousers / skirt and burgundy sweatshirt or cardigan. Sensible black shoes or plain black trainers please.** In the summer children may wear **red gingham dress or grey/black knee length school shorts** in summer. Sweatshirts and fleece jackets etc. are available from the school office.

Covid has meant that for some children school uniform has been relaxed but we will expect all children to have the correct school uniform in September. Checks will be made throughout the school year.

The Inset days for the rest of the year will be:

Tuesday 3rd January 2023

Monday 17th April 2023

Monday 24th July (To be used as twilights) 2023

We have all put so much effort in to developing the skills of reading and maths this year and are pleased with the progress children have made across the year groups. Whilst we encourage rest and relaxation please keep up with reading over the summer and learning times table skills. This will certainly help the children as they come back in September.

Have a fantastic summer!

Yours sincerely

Daniel Farthing

Headteacher

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