

# Fairfield First School

## Calendar

- w/b 12/19<sup>th</sup> October –  
Parents' Evening, 3.30-6.30pm
- 23<sup>rd</sup> October – SCHOOL  
CLOSES for Half Term to ALL  
children
- 2<sup>nd</sup> November – Children  
RETURN to SCHOOL
- 5<sup>th</sup> November – Flu vaccines  
in school
- 11<sup>th</sup> November –  
Remembrance Day, non-uniform  
day, wear something red (£1)
- 24<sup>th</sup> November – School  
photographs (TBC)
- 18<sup>th</sup> December – Christmas  
Jumper Day!



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## Face shields

Many of you will have already seen that our staff are now wearing face shields when collecting children from the playground in the morning and sending them home in the afternoon. This is a precautionary measure, following local advice, after an alarming increase in the COVID-19 infection rate across the town of Bromsgrove. We recommend that all adults coming to school for collection and/or drop off also wear face covering not only to help lower the positive cases across Bromsgrove but to also ensure the safety of our children, staff and other families whilst helping us to avoid positive cases and keep school open for as long as we possibly can.

## Post Office



Can I please advise all families that the Post Office car park is private property and should only be used by customers to the businesses. It must not be used to park in or used to turn around at drop off or collection times.

## Flu immunisations

This year all children in school will be eligible to have a flu immunisation. In light of the risk of flu and COVID-19 co-circulating this winter, the National Flu Immunisation Programme will be absolutely essential to protecting vulnerable people, supporting the resilience of the health and care system whilst keeping our children safe and helping schools to remaining open. Letters will be sent home today and all forms must be returned, via the box on the playground, by Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> October. Immunisations are due to take place on Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> November.

## Parents' Evenings

Information regarding our upcoming Parents' Evenings and our booking system was sent out to families, via email, on Tuesday afternoon. The information can also be found at : <https://www.fairfield.worcs.sch.uk/letters/1601988143.pdf>

## Free School Meals

We aware that situations may have changed for some of our families. If you think that you may now qualify for Free School Meals please see the information attached and/or go to :

[https://www.worcestershire.gov.uk/info/20062/schools/684/applying\\_for\\_free\\_school\\_meals/2](https://www.worcestershire.gov.uk/info/20062/schools/684/applying_for_free_school_meals/2)

## Little Gems

This excellent provision continues to run from our school hall supporting our families with before and after school child care. Please get in touch if you would like further information – [littlegemskidsclub@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:littlegemskidsclub@hotmail.co.uk) . The 'Club' will also be running throughout the October half term week. Due to the current guidelines numbers for this week will be restricted, so please book early for a guaranteed place. See their booking form attached to this newsletter.

Little Gems Kids Club

*Aim high, work hard,  
have fun and care for others*





There will be a Community Litter Pick tomorrow (Saturday), please meet outside Village Hall at 10.30am if you would like to lend a hand. You are asked to wear suitable clothing and all necessary equipment will be provided.

### October Half Term

Kidderminster Harriers Community Scheme will be holding our holiday football courses during half term. Courses run 10am-3pm and are open to children aged 5-14 years. Younger children can attend for half days if they prefer. Cost is £10 for per day or, £28 for three. The courses will feature our Star Player Award and a mini soccer tournament, everyone who competes will receive a prize. Due to current restrictions all courses are outdoors so appropriate clothing required. The venues are:-

**Droitwich Cricket Club** WR9 7AN– Monday 26<sup>th</sup> & Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup>  
**Worcester** – Bishop Perowne College -Monday 26<sup>th</sup> & Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup>  
**Bromsgrove**- Catshill Middle School - Monday 26<sup>th</sup> & Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup>  
**Malvern** – Dyson Perrins Academy - Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> & Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup>  
**Kinver Sports & Community Association** **DY7 6ER** - Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> & Thursday 29<sup>th</sup>  
**Kidderminster** – Baxter College - Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup>, Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> & Friday 30<sup>th</sup>



Please note new venues in Droitwich, St Peters Fields and Kinver, Legion Drive. At present we are unlikely to run the scheduled Thursday/Friday course in Cleobury.

To book a place contact the Community Scheme on 01562 863821 or email [harrerscommunity@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:harrerscommunity@hotmail.co.uk) Payment can be made in advance or on the day. Please send name, age course attending, any medical conditions and an emergency contact.

### World Mental Health Day

It was lovely to see everyone dressed in **yellow** today! The children have taken part in a variety of wellbeing activities throughout the day, images can be found on our [Twitter feed](#). We did not collect donations on this occasion but if you would like to do this yourself please go to : <https://youngminds.org.uk/donate/>





## Stars of the Week



Oak Class

**Mina**

**Darcey**

Beech Class

**Elyssa**

**Joey**

Holly Class

**Rosie**

**Lachlan**

Chestnut Class

**Isobel**

**Harry**

Willow Class

**Tallulah**

**Georgia**





## SCHOOL MEAL ENTITLEMENT

### MEALS FOR FREE

Because of what is happening in the world right now, we understand that there may be some families that have had a change in financial circumstances and may now be entitled to apply for Free School Meals.

### DID YOU KNOW?

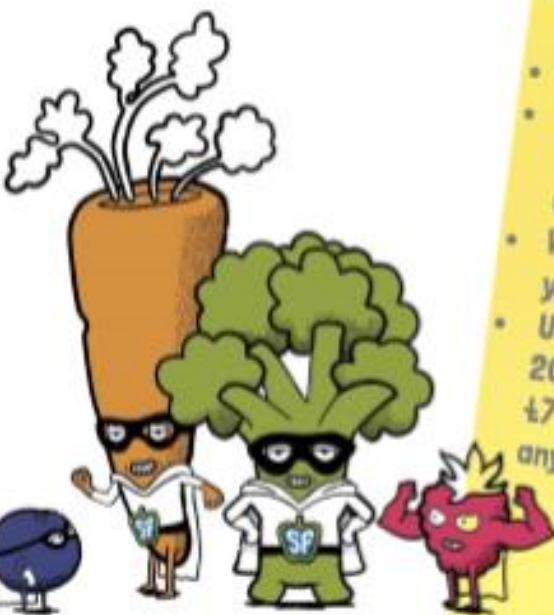
Did you know that many pupils are entitled to free school meals - including all infants (reception, year one and year two). This can save you over £400 per child per year & will help boost funds for your school.

### ARE YOU ELIGIBLE?

If your child is eligible for free school meals, they'll remain eligible until they finish the phase of schooling (primary or secondary) they're in on 31 March 2022.

Your child may be able to get free school meals if you get any of the following:

- Income Support
- Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- The guaranteed element of Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit (provided you're not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual gross income of no more than £16,190)
- Working Tax Credit run-on - paid for 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit
- Universal Credit - if you apply on or after 1 April 2018 your household income must be less than £7,400 a year (after tax and not including any benefits you get)



This website helps you to establish if you can claim.

<https://www.gov.uk/apply-free-school-meals>



# Understanding Your Child

Worcestershire parents, carers and grandparents can now access innovative ONLINE guides about children aged from 0-18 years. Worcestershire County Council have invested in a multi-user licence for 4 award winning, quality marked, evidence based online courses by the Solihull Approach (a national NHS organisation) and we are therefore delighted to offer you **FREE** access to the courses, normally £19-£39 per person.

Understanding Your Child was established 20 years ago by psychologists, health visitors and other health professionals. It looks at brain development, play, styles of parenting, sleep, temper tantrums, communication and more and is based on the nationally and internationally acclaimed face to face course offered by the Solihull Approach.

There are 9-11 modules each taking around 20 minutes (the main screens have optional audio voice-overs) as well as interactive activities, quizzes, video clips and practical hand-outs.

## 1 Understanding Pregnancy, Labour, Birth and Your Baby - Antenatal Online Guide

The guide covers:

- Relaxing & breathing
- Getting to know your baby in the womb
- You, your baby and the stages of labour
- Birth positions
- Feeding your baby
- Fathers and babies
- After your baby is born

## 2 Understanding Your Baby - Postnatal Online Guide

The guide covers:

- Understanding feelings: both yours and your baby's
- Understanding your baby's brain
- Understanding and responding to crying
- Your baby's rhythms, sleep patterns, & feeding
- Fathers and babies
- Babies development and play
- Thinking about childcare

## 3 Understanding Your Child (for parents of children aged 6 months - 18 years)

The guide covers:

- Responding to how your child is feeling
- How your child develops
- Different styles of parenting
- How your child communicates
- Understanding your child's behaviour
- Sleep, Self-regulation and anger

## 4 Understanding Your Teenager's Brain

The guide covers:

- Teenager's brain development
- Teenagers and reading faces
- Risk taking
- Risk taking and friends
- Sensitivity to rejection
- Teenagers and sleep

To access these online guides visit  
[www.worcestershire.gov.uk/parentguides](http://www.worcestershire.gov.uk/parentguides)



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# ONLINE CONTENT

## 10 tips to keep your children safe online

The internet has transformed the ability to access content. Many apps that children use are dependent on user-generated content which can encourage freedom of expression, imagination and creativity. However, due to the sheer volume uploaded every day, it can be difficult for platforms to regulate and moderate everything, which means that disturbing or distressing images, videos or audio clips can slip through the net. That's why we've created this guide to provide parents and carers with some useful tips on keeping children safe online.



### 1 MONITOR VIEWING HABITS

Whilst most apps have moderation tools, inappropriate content can still slip through the net.



### 2 CHECK ONLINE CONTENT

Understand what's being shared or what seems to be 'trending' at the moment.



### 3 CHECK AGE-RATINGS

Make sure they are old enough to use the app and meet the recommended age-limit.



### 4 CHANGE PRIVACY SETTINGS

Make accounts private and set content filters and parental controls where possible.



### 5 SPEND TIME ON THE APP

Get used to how apps work, what content is available and what your child likes to watch.



### 6 LET CHILDREN KNOW YOU'RE THERE

Ensure they know that there is support and advice available to them if they need it.



### 7 ENCOURAGE CRITICAL THINKING

Talk about what people might post online and why some posts could cause distress.



### 8 LEARN HOW TO REPORT & BLOCK

Always make sure that children know how to use the reporting tools on social media apps.



### 9 KEEP AN OPEN DIALOGUE

If a child sees distressing material online; listen to their concerns, empathise and offer reassurance.



### 10 SEEK FURTHER SUPPORT

If a child has been affected by something they've seen online, seek support from your school's safeguarding lead.



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#WakeUpWednesday

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# October Fun

OUT OF SCHOOL CARE  
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Holiday club will be held at  
 Fairfield First School  
 Stourbridge Road  
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## October Half Term

*Activity programme for children 4-11 years*

Date	Morning	Afternoon
Monday 26th Oct	Witches and Wizards dress up day – come in fancy dress, mud potions and Halloween dance	Harry Potter Tales and Hogwarts Letters with secret writing
Tuesday 27th Oct	Halloween Scavenger Hunt and Handprint Vampires	Ghoul spotting in Peppenwood
Wednesday 28th Oct	Paper plate spiders, Pin the Mole on the witch Football with Group A	Pin the spider on the web Football with Group B
Thursday 29th Oct	Halloween Party Games	Spider web obstacle course
Fri 30th Oct	Web weaving	Clay Ghouls

\*Additional Fees and/or information apply

Please note that trip days have limited places and that cover at Little Gems Kids Club will only be provided if there is a minimum of 6 children who do not wish to join the trip. Please write the children's names under sessions you wish to book – you may use this form for more than one child. Please calculate your fees from the fees chart and attach a cheque payable to Little Gems Kids Club, your place will only be reserved with your payment. Alternatively, you may wish to pay by electronic transfer, please ask if you would like further details. Please return this booking form to me at the address top left of this form.

Relevant trip information will be sent to you on receipt of your booking and Payment. *Please send your child with suitable clothing for outdoors weather dependant as we will be outside every day.*

What does it cost?

	8:00 – 6:00pm	8:00 – 1:00pm	1:00 – 6:00pm
First child	£22.50	£14.50	£14.50
Siblings	£20.50	£12.50	£12.50

Children/s Names and ages.....  
 Your name..... Telephone number.....  
 Amount enclosed..... Email.....  
 Signed..... Date.....

Booking form for October 2020

Date	8:00 – 6:00pm	8:00 – 1:00pm	1:00 – 6:00pm
Monday 26th Oct			
Tuesday 27th Oct			
Wednesday 28th Oct			
Thursday 29th Oct			
Friday 30th Oct			

**Would you have kept your child off school before COVID?**

Yes

**Keep your child off school**

No

Do they have:

- A new continuous cough
- A fever (high temperature over 38°C using a thermometer)
- A complete loss or change of smell or taste?

Yes

**Keep your child off school and at home (and siblings)**

Speak to 119 or go to the [www.gov.uk/coronavirus](http://www.gov.uk/coronavirus) website and arrange for a self-test to be done

Your child and your household must self-isolate until you have the result of this test

No

Does your child have an underlying chronic medical condition such as:

- Cystic fibrosis
- Immunodeficiency/immunosuppression
- Recipient of solid organ transplant
- Taking long-term steroids taken in tablet form (not including inhaler)
- Any heart problems requiring input from paediatric cardiologist
- Any blood disorders such as sickle cell disease or thalassaemia
- Neurological issues such as myotonic dystrophy, mitochondrial disorders leading to difficulties swallowing

Full list of vulnerable conditions available at: <https://www.rcpch.ac.uk/resources/covid-19-shielding-guidance-children-young-people#children-who-are-clinically-extremely-vulnerable>

Yes

Seek advice from your child's specialist health team

No

Kids who are otherwise well with:

- Runny noses
- Sore throats without a fever
- Mild colds

Can go to school **AS NORMAL**