

# Fairfield First School

## Calendar

- w/b 19<sup>th</sup> October – Parents' Evening, 3.30-6:30pm
- 23<sup>rd</sup> October – SCHOOL CLOSURES 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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### Mrs Oldershaw

We say a sad goodbye to Mrs Oldershaw today, who leaves us to pursue a career within the NHS. Mrs O has been a wonderful, valued member of our staff team for over 7 years. She has made such a positive difference to our school with her ideas, enthusiasm and creativity! Whether it be the time she has given us at Malvern, Bell Boating or creating and organising our extremely popular Autumn Cook Out and Summer Camp Out events, she has made a huge difference to the provision that we offer here at Fairfield and has created many special memories for so many of our children. I would like to wish Mrs O all the very best in her new career and we look forward to hearing all about her new adventures in the near future.

### Self-isolation reminder for families

We have been asked to remind all families that if anyone in your household develops COVID-19 symptoms everyone, including all children, must self-isolate until a test result is received:

- A negative result means children can return to school (unless they have been identified as a close contact of someone else)
- A positive test result means children must self-isolate at home for 14 days from the onset of symptoms or 14 days from the test date if the person was asymptomatic

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/self-isolation-and-treatment/when-to-self-isolate-and-what-to-do/>

### Travel Restrictions

Please be aware of the latest travel restrictions if you are planning a holiday for the half term break. Many countries still require a 14-day quarantine period upon your return – your child would not be able to return to school until this period has passed.

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/coronavirus-covid-19-travel-corridors>

### Google Classroom

We still have some families who are trying to return homework in paper form. This should only happen, on the rare occasion, when requested to do so by a member of staff. One of the main reasons we, as a school, chose to use Google Classroom is so that our families do not need to print off work and have lots of resources needed at home to enable children to do their homework/Home Learning. Homework will continue to be made available on the days given during your Parents Information meetings.

It is extremely important that you make a note of your child's email address and the necessary passwords. Should we have to close a class bubble or the whole school we may not be able to access the information for your child to continue their Home Learning.

### Parents' Evenings

Thank you to everyone in Chestnut Class that took part in this week's telephone Parents' Evening. Next week will see the turn of families in Oak, Beech, Holly and Willow.



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

## Holly Class - Victorian Day

This will take place next Wednesday (21<sup>st</sup>). For this to feel as real as possible, we would like you to come to school dressed as a Victorian child would have. We designed our own costumes a few weeks ago, in class, looking at Victorian children's clothes so try to wear something similar to your design. We do not expect families to purchase costumes for this event!



## 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 remain open for as long as possible. 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.

## Wellbeing newsletter

Please see alongside this newsletter an All Active Academy Half Term Wellbeing Newsletter. This contains a wealth of information, advice and tips for the half term break. It also includes a Healthy Halloween Pizza Competition, which gives families the opportunity to win a £50 supermarket voucher! What an easy way to win £50!!



## 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.

## PTFA - Christmas Cards

The children have been busy, in school, creating their very own Christmas card designs! These have been sent out with the children today. If you would like to place an order you must do this by next Friday (23<sup>rd</sup>). Please place all returns in the box on the playground to support our PTFA in this venture.



## Face coverings

Many thanks to those of you who have worn a face covering at the start and end of the school day. I know many of you have apologised for forgetting, please do not worry, I'm sure in time it will become second nature. We have been asked to do this where possible by the Local Authority and Worcestershire's Public Health team.

The poster features the NHS logo in the top right corner and the HM Government logo in the top left. The main text reads "We must keep on protecting each other." in yellow. Below this, there are three icons: a pink circle with hands being washed labeled "HANDS", a blue circle with a face mask labeled "FACE", and a green circle with two people and a double-headed arrow labeled "SPACE". At the bottom, a yellow banner contains the text "STAY ALERT • CONTROL THE VIRUS • SAVE LIVES".

## Social Distancing

Can I ask that all families continue to follow the most recent social distancing guidelines when in and around the school community and stay 2 metres apart from people you do not live with, where possible, or 1 metre with extra precautions in place (such as wearing face coverings).

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-meeting-with-others-safely-social-distancing/coronavirus-covid-19-meeting-with-others-safely-social-distancing>



## Stars of the Week



**Oak Class**

**Jamie B**

**James H**

**Joseph B**

**Beech Class**

**Florence**

**Jake**

**Holly Class**

**Amelia**

**Stanley**

**Chestnut Class**

**Theo**

**George C**

**Willow Class**

**Amelia**

**Thomas**



**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**

# BROMSGROVE COVID-19 CASES ARE ON THE RISE!

How can you help  
to change this?



**HANDS**



**FACE**



**SPACE**

Get all the latest updates at:  
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# October Fun

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 Established 2010

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Holiday club will be held at  
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## October Half Term

*Activity programme for children 4-11 years*

| Date                  | Morning   | Afternoon   |
|-----------------------|---|---|
| Monday<br>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<br>27th Oct   | Halloween Scavenger Hunt and Handprint Vampires   | Ghoul spotting in Peppenwood                                |
| Wednesday<br>28th Oct | Paper plate spiders, Pin the Mole on the witch<br>Football with Group A                 | Pin the spider on the web<br>Football with Group B          |
| Thursday<br>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    |               |               |               |