



The Fairfield Fanfare



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FAIRFIELD
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Broadening Horizons



KEY MESSAGES



Helmets



Keeping our children safe is a top priority. We've noticed that some children who bike or scoot to school aren't wearing helmets. Please remind your children how important it is to wear a helmet every time they ride – it's the best protection in case of falls or accidents. Let's work together to keep all our young travellers safe and sound on their way to school.

Mrs Jones Says...



Since returning to school, we've been truly blown away by Year 6's ready-to-learn behaviours. They've been showing impressive focus in lessons, asking thoughtful questions, and helping each other stay on task. It's great to see such responsibility and enthusiasm setting the tone for a fantastic year ahead! I wonder which year group will impress us on our next Fanfare.

BIRTHDAYS!



Remember: if it's your child's birthday on a school day, they are welcome to come to school in non-uniform, if they'd like to.

Reminder: if you want to send treats in for classmates, they must be individually wrapped (like sweet packets or cake bars). We do not have the time or resources to cut up large cakes. If you send one in, we will sadly have to return it to you.

We LOVE your feedback!
Here's the link.

**Click here for
The Fairfield Fanfare
Feedback Form**

Nut Free School



**NUT FREE
ZONE**

We know how much children love their chocolate spread, but please remember our school is nut-free. Nutella and similar spreads contain nuts and aren't allowed to keep everyone safe. Thanks for helping us look after all our little chocoholics!

THE RABBIT HOLE BOOKSHOP

We're excited to share a wonderful opportunity to celebrate our love of reading and support our friends at The Rabbit Hole Independent Bookshop. On **Saturday 19th September**, at the **Grimsby Minster**, there will be free storytelling sessions featuring published authors like Bethany Walker (Medusa Gorgon's Bad Hair Day, How to Train Your Teacher) and G.P. Taylor (The Librarian). It's a great chance for children to hear stories straight from the authors! Parents can book places [here](#).

The Full list of authors:

- Bethany Walker
- Catherine Jacob
- Amy Redfern
- Tracy Todd
- J.L. Robinson
- Ted Stanley
- Marmalade Atkinson
- GP Taylor



On our last Fanfare, we asked you to share stories of your children showing our school values outside of school – and what an inspiring example we have! Arthur took on a fundraising mission for Cleethorpes Wildlife Rescue, starting with a simple idea to litter pick and raise £50. Over the summer, Arthur's dedication blossomed into a remarkable campaign: he organised an Action Day with over 40 helpers, collected more than 25 bags of litter, and even ran his own "Star of the Summer" challenge to encourage others. Recognised by local press, radio, the School of Kindness, and even our MP, Arthur not only met but smashed his fundraising target, raising an incredible £1,065! Huge congratulations to Arthur, his sister Matilda, and all their friends for living the Fairfield values so brilliantly.



ATTENDANCE

Academy Target: 97%+

Attendance to date: 95.8%

Our current attendance is below the trust target, but above national.

I know we have been hit with the inevitable 'back to school' germs, however research shows that children who miss school days in the first few weeks of term are more likely to have poor attendance throughout the year. Please let us know if there is anything we can do to help, as we want to reverse this trend.

Best attendance this year so far....

These classes have got off to a FLYING START!

56G – 98.1% 3W – 98.6% 6DT – 96.0%
E Hub Class 1 – 97.1% 4HM – 98.3%





Monday 21st September	Harvest Festival Food	For Harvest Festival we're collecting non-perishable food and essentials to support the women's refuge. If you can, please send donations with your child to class by 1st October. Thank you!
Wednesday 23rd September	Author Visit Y5 & Y6	Darren Simpson is coming to visit our Y5 and Y6's.
Thursday 1st October	SEND Coffee Morning	Got a child with SEND? Join us for a SEND Coffee Morning on Thursday, 1st October, 9-10am. Have a chat with Mr Dickson and Mrs Jones, share your thoughts, and get support. Just queue outside the wraparound care gate after drop-off, and they'll welcome you in!
Monday 5th October	Read Write Inc Phonics Meeting-Reception Parents	Miss Lambert, our Read Write Inc lead, is hosting a workshop for Reception parents after school from 3:30 to 4:10. Please wait under the blue canopy once the children have been dismissed, and she will come to let you in! Remember to avoid crowding the children as they leave; we will remind Reception parents about this via MCAS.
Tuesday 13th October	Author Visit Y4, Y5 & Y6	We have Rachel Morrisroe in to visit Y4-Y6. We will send any information out closer to the date. Don't worry, we haven't forgotten about KS1. More events will follow later in the year...
Friday 16th October	Individual photographs	Wrates will be in to take individual pictures of your children. Make sure their hair is combed and they have their best smile ready! Please note that if your child does not attend Nursery on a Friday, they will not be having their photo taken.
Friday 16th October	LAST DAY OF TERM	The children break up on this date. We hope they have a fabulous October half term.
Monday 2nd November	Children return to school	Gates open at 8:40am, with classroom doors opening at 8:45am. Children should be in school for the register at 8:50am. Breakfast Club opens the usual time of 7:30am.

FREE SCHOOL DINNERS - FIND OUT MORE!

Did you know...

...that if your child is entitled to Free School Meals, the school gets extra funding? This really helps our school budget! Please, please do apply if you think you may be eligible.

If you would like to the council, you can call them on 01472 323732 option 3 or email them at: freeschoolmeals@nelincs.gov.uk

CLICK HERE for more information or to make an application.

In England, all children in Reception, Y1 and Y2 have a free 'universal' school meal. This stops at the end of Y2. If your child is in Y2, now is the time to apply - you may be entitled to free school dinners for Y3.

Can you help us bring more funding into school?

You can now claim free school meals if you have a child in full time education and receive the following benefits:

- Universal Credit
- Income related employment & support allowance
- Guaranteed pension credit
- Support under part VI of the immigration & Asylum Act 1999

Even if your child gets the 'universal' free meal in Reception, Y1 or Y2, you can apply for free school meals now. **This would bring much needed funding into our school and save you money in the long run!**