



**Fairholme Primary School**

**'We believe we can achieve'**

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**A message from Mrs Harris our Headteacher:** We are well into the Spring Term and school has been very busy. We have continued to work hard to embed our 6 school values, respect, responsibility, kindness, honesty, aspiration and self-belief. Which one of our values do you feel is the most important and why?

A reminder that our whole school attendance target is 96%, last week Sapphire Class had the best attendance and won the attendance trophy – well done to them. If your child is unwell and unable to attend school, it is essential that you call school first thing in the morning to notify us please.

Recently, our Years 5 and 6 Athletics Team attended a competition and came 3rd out of 13 teams! Yesterday, ten of our Year 2 children also attended an Athletics Competition and out of 19 schools they came 1<sup>st</sup> – what an achievement! All of the children were great representatives for our school and showed great sportsmanship. We are very proud of them! Go Fairholme!

**Maths** – We are working hard on developing Maths at Fairholme. In recent weeks, the children have been focussing on calculations involving multiplication and division and they have been enjoying solving problems around this. The children have applied their knowledge of number and place value really well and this has helped them to solve a range of questions. To support your child further, the websites below all provide activities that will help to develop these key skills:

<http://www.topmarks.co.uk/> <http://www.mathszone.co.uk/> <http://www.mathisfun.com/index.htm>  
<http://www.ilovemathsgames.com/> <http://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize> (ks1 and ks2)  
<http://www.ictgames.com/>

### What has been happening across our school?

**Nursery** are exploring colour over the next few weeks. We are reading 'Brown Bear, Brown Bear' by Eric LaCarle and learning how to retell stories. Next week love will be in the air as we make valentines cards and look at Lunar New Year Celebrations across the world.

**Reception** continue to work hard to learning their new digraphs (2 letters making one sound). They will continue to learn about Winter and how to notice its affects before looking forward to Spring with Valentines celebrations.

**Year 1** had a marvellous time at their Royal Tea party last week. They made their own sandwiches and decorated bunting in advance of the King's visit. When the King arrived, they practised their best curtseys and bows. They then listened to military music whilst they ate their party food. What fun!

**Year 2** have been learning about Kings and Queens. They have also started practising their airs and graces, because they are about to meet two of Britain's marvellous monarchs in their workshop all about the Monarchs! In RE they are learning about Judaism, and are going to bake delicious challah bread.

**Year 3** "What a wonderful World" is a great topic. In Geography, the children have explored the difference between physical and human features and learning about longitude and latitude! For the next couple of weeks, they will be learning more facts about the country of Spain and this will all build into their final piece of writing where they will write a non-chronological report.

**Year 4** have been learning about States of Matter and have been really investigating and thinking like scientists. The children have written detailed, informative leaflets for younger children in school to teach them about everything they have learnt in this topic.

**Year 5** have enjoyed learning about mountains, earthquakes and volcanoes over the past few weeks and are now writing biographies about Edmund Hillary and his mission to become one of the first people to reach the summit of Mount Everest. They are looking forward to learning more about their topic at the Natural History Museum this week.

**Year 6** enjoyed a chilly trip to London Zoo! Seeing all the animals and learning lots of facts that they have been sharing in school. Whilst at the Zoo they began thinking about whether zoos should in fact, be banned? Is it cruel to keep animals in a zoo or is there a purpose to it? They then used this as a bias for writing a balanced argument about zoos.



## Spring Dates

**Big Bake Sale** – 8<sup>th</sup> Feb 

**'Drop Everything and Read'** - 2<sup>nd</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> Feb

**Last day of this half term** – 9<sup>th</sup> Feb

**Parent's Evening** - 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> March

**Curriculum Showcase** – 27<sup>th</sup> March

**End of Spring Term 12.30 finish** – 28<sup>th</sup> March

## Online Safety



Many of us see our online lives and offline lives as different. But for children growing up with technology and the internet, there isn't a difference – online life and offline life is just life.

Technology can move at an extraordinarily fast pace. It can be difficult to know how to start talking to your child about what they're doing online, who they might be speaking to or discussing the potential risks and issues.

Have a look at the link below which has some great ways you can start talking to your child and support them to stay safe online:

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/talking-childonline-safety/>

**Uniform** Our second-hand school uniform shop is moving to a Monday from next week.

School Uniform is so important and we do expect the children to wear the correct uniform. If you need any help with sourcing uniform or want any second-hand uniform please do speak to us



## Question of the week

Would you rather be able to fly or breathe under water?

## Parent Survey

We want to hear from you.

Please find 5 minutes to complete our Parent Survey and hand it in to the school office or to your child's class.

We really do value your thoughts and opinions, what you have to say and we want to hear it so please do complete a survey. Thank you.

## Spanish



Children in Key Stage 2 are learning Spanish and are immersing themselves in the language.

Why not get involved and learn some Spanish with your child? Below are two videos that you could watch and practice together to learn some key phrases and body parts – enjoy!

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=13boSCMMp2s>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jVH4AIEoX-8>

## 'Drop Everything And Read'



Parents and Carers, you are invited to come to school to read with your child, in their classrooms, **on the 2nd and the 8th of February at 2:45pm.**

This is a fantastic opportunity to celebrate a love of reading as a community.

Feel free to bring your favourite book or borrow one of ours. We look forward to seeing you!

## Thought for the week

Be Silly, Be Honest, Be Kind