Learning and Growing Together - Dysgu and Thyfu Gyda'n Gilydd

23rd October 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we reach the end of our first half term, I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your continued support and to reflect on what has been a very busy and successful start to the school year.

The children have shown great enthusiasm for learning and it has been wonderful to see them engage so positively with our whole-school topic linked to 'Change', developing their knowledge, skills and curiosity through a range of exciting learning opportunities.

This half term has also included some exciting trips. Our Year 1 pupils thoroughly enjoyed their visit to the farm, where they had the opportunity to learn more about animals and farming life through first-hand experiences. Meanwhile, our Year 2 and 3 pupils travelled to Caerleon, where they explored Roman history and gained a fascinating insight into what life was like during Roman times.

We have also been incredibly proud of the children for their kindness and commitment to helping others. They really enjoyed taking our Harvest food donations to Cathays Community Fridge, learning about the importance of supporting our local community and helping those in need.





The children also had a wonderful time at our Boogie Disco, which was a fantastic opportunity for everyone to celebrate, have fun and spend time with their friends.

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The children have also been enjoying visits to our brand-new school library. It has been wonderful to see their excitement as they explore the range of books available, share stories with their friends and discover new authors. We look forward to seeing them become fully immersed in a good book and continuing to develop a lifelong love of reading.



Some exciting news - we will be launching **a Fairoak Primary School Instagram account**! Our Instagram account will celebrate the wider life of Fairoak Primary, including whole-school events, special celebrations, exciting projects, visitors, community partnerships and the many opportunities our learners experience. It will allow us to share what makes Fairoak special with our local community, prospective parents and other stakeholders.

Keeping Our Learners Safe - *Safeguarding will always remain our priority. We will follow our school's photographic consent arrangements and safeguarding procedures when sharing photographs or videos of our learners._Please be reassured that ClassDojo will remain our main communication platform, so you will not need an Instagram account to receive important classroom information or school updates.*

To follow us on Instagram visit: https://www.instagram.com/fairoakps/

I have also included some important 'Dates for the Diary' in this newsletter. We look forward to welcoming our Reception parents to our upcoming Coffee Afternoon, where we will showcase and celebrate the first seven weeks of their child's learning journey in Reception. It will be a wonderful opportunity to share the experiences, progress and achievements the children have made since starting school.

We hope that everyone enjoys a restful and enjoyable half-term break. We look forward to welcoming the children back on Monday, 2nd November.

Thank you for your ongoing support.

Kind regards,

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Date	Event/Activity
26th – 30th October	Half Term (school holiday)
2nd November	Children return to school
3rd November 2.15pm	Reception Parents Coffee/Film Afternoon – Film of pupils first half term.
13th November	Children in Need
2nd December	Winter Fayre
16th December	Christmas Concert – further details to follow
21st December – 1st January	Christmas Holidays
4th January	Inset Day (School closed)
5th January	Children return to school