



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

23<sup>rd</sup> October 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

We can't quite believe that we have come to the end of our first half term at Fairoak Primary School. It has been a very busy half term, and we have been amazed by how well the children have settled in, quickly becoming familiar with the new routines and spaces. It's been lovely to see so many new friendships forming and a real sense of excitement and pride in our new environment.

The pupils have all enjoyed the exciting learning that their teachers have planned and delivered this half term and they have had the opportunity to take part in a wide range of different learning experiences. Our Nursery and Reception pupils have been learning all about Autumn and went on a wonderful Autumn Walk. Our Year 1 and 2 classes have been writing about their families and learning about why they are all special. We have had lots of team building activities in Year 3 and our Year 4 pupils have all enjoyed exploring how their bodies work. Our Year 5 pupils have been learning about 'Healthy Habits' and have enjoyed their Swimming lessons at Maindy Leisure Centre.

Year 6 have been immersed in their **Screen4Schools** project, learning about special effects, makeup, and film angles. We may have some future Steven Spielbergs among us! I must admit, I was slightly alarmed when I saw blood and scars around the classroom—until I realised it was all part of the special effects makeup!



Our Right Respecting Ministry are up and running with representatives from Year 3 to 6. They are leading weekly Rights Respecting assemblies and are working hard to ensure

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the school achieves the Silver Award. Class teachers will be posting on their class dojo pages the 'Right of the week' after half term.

I have included some dates for the next half term and further information will follow with regards to times. Please keep an eye out for a 'Coffee Afternoon' which we will be holding soon for parents interested in joining our parental group 'Friends of Fair oak'.

I just wanted to say a huge thank you for your continued support and we hope you and all the children have a fabulous break. We look forward to an exciting second half of the term.

Wishing you all a restful and enjoyable holiday.

Warm regards,

***Mrs Shipton-Jones and all the staff***

Headteacher

Date	Event/Activity
27 <sup>th</sup> – 31 <sup>st</sup> October	Half Term (school holiday)
3 <sup>rd</sup> November	Children return to school
14 <sup>th</sup> November	Children in Need
12 <sup>th</sup> November	Year 4 to 6 Cinema Trip
18 <sup>th</sup> November	Reception to Year 2 Cinema Trip
18 <sup>th</sup> November	Year 6 attend Service of Remembrance
10 <sup>th</sup> December	Winter Fayre
11 <sup>th</sup> December	Year 3 - 'Scrooge' trip
16 <sup>th</sup> December	Year 3 to 6 – Christmas Concert at Heath Evangelical Church (PM)
22 <sup>nd</sup> December – 2 <sup>nd</sup> January	Christmas Holidays
5 <sup>th</sup> January	Inset Day (School closed)

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