



Date	Who	Detail, Timing and Venue
Fri 15th Dec	All Years	School closes to pupils and staff for Christmas holidays
Tues 2nd Jan	All Years	INSET Day
Wed 3rd Jan	All Years	INSET Day
Thurs 4th Jan	All Years	School re-opens to pupils and staff

As we come to the end of the term, I would like to thank all of our families for your continued support throughout the academic year so far. I hope that you have enjoyed reading about the many successes and activities that have taken place since the start of the school year via our weekly bulletin.

The term to date has seen many changes, with our new pupils and staff swiftly becoming an integral part of our community. We have unveiled a new school logo, as well as refreshing our behaviour policy, which all pupils have responded to positively. This week has also seen pupils placed into their new house groups as we move to align with our partners at The Kings of Wessex Academy and further strengthen the educational journey for the pupils.

It has been a real pleasure to see the pupils working hard in lessons. The film treats for pupils that received golden tickets for their hard work and efforts were well attended, and certainly got them into the Christmas spirit. It was lovely to see these celebrations continue into the disco's held last night, as well as hear about their plans and wishes for Christmas and the New Year whilst talking to them throughout lessons and social times this week.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support. I wish all our families a very Merry Christmas and a prosperous 2024!

COLLABORATE ACHIEVE BELONG

Stefan McHale – Headteacher

Somerset Junior Chess Association's Tournament



Chess club is becoming increasingly more popular at Fairlands Middle School and a number of our pupils have started to join chess clubs within the wider community. We are always on the lookout for more chess sets!

We are really proud of our Year 6 pupil Toby, who participated in the Somerset Junior Chess Association's Tournament at All Hallows School coming second in the U11s. The tournament was a Swiss style tournament where clocks were used on all boards; all moves had to be played in 30 minutes for each player. This is a wonderful achievement for Toby and has provided further inspiration for the Fairland's club.

Lucy Lee – Teacher of English

Carol Singing With 'You are my sunshine' Group

On Wednesday, 14 pupils travelled to Hannah More Court to sing carols with a wonderful group of elderly people. One gentleman said 'I am not going to sing I am just going to listen to their lovely voices.' Every time they finished singing he shouted out 'more, more!'

After singing, the pupils joined in with a craft activity. It was such a pleasure to see the 2 generations mix and enjoy each other's company. When we left the pupils said that they had great fun and wanted to go back to carry on with their chats. It is such a privilege and a huge perk of my job to have been involved in such a wonderful couple of hours. The pupils are a huge credit to the community.



Lucy Heard – Year 5 Tutor

Thank you to all parents and carers who have generously donated to both of our recent fundraisers.

The Festive Jumper and Hat Day in aid of Brain Tumour Research has raised £420.

The FPTA Christmas raffle has raised just over £800 which will go towards supporting our pupils with their education.



 Merry Christmas from all of us at Fairlands Middle School 

Useful Information

Further information can be found on our website: www.fairlandsmiddleschool.co.uk

You can also keep informed via our Twitter feed @Fairlands482

Our values

'Caring and Inspirational'

Safeguarding

Safeguarding children is everyone's responsibility. If you are worried about a child, please email

safeguarding@fairlandsmiddleschool.co.uk

Designated Safeguarding Lead:
Sally Virgin

Wellbeing

If your child needs any help, advice or someone to talk to, please contact the school office. We have trained mental health first aiders that are here to help.

The Hub is also open at social times for children to attend should they need to. Members of our ELSA team run this facility.

'You are human and it's ok to struggle.'

'It is important to look after yourself and mind.'

Reporting Absence

If your child is feeling unwell, please contact the school office on 01934 743186, or email using the school absence email address: -

absence@fairlandsmiddleschool.co.uk

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Current Job Vacancies within

WLT

Please visit the Wessex Learning Trust website for all current vacancies [HERE](#)

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