



# Fairlands Middle School

**Friday 24<sup>th</sup> May 2024**  
**Issue no 32.**

Date	Who	Detail, Timing and Venue
Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> May	All Years	School closes for half term
Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> June	All Years	School re-opens to staff and pupils

## Farewell Mr Mc

It is with great sadness that we say farewell to our Headteacher, Stefan McHale, this term. Mr McHale has been at Fairlands for 16 years. He has risen through the ranks of Assistant Headteacher and Deputy Headteacher at Fairlands, followed by his appointment in 2018 as Headteacher. He shared with the pupils in assemblies this week that he has been Headteacher to 3000 pupils and worked with 215 staff colleagues!

We would like to thank him for his calm and reassuring leadership, not least of which was brought to the fore during Covid, followed by the difficult task of returning the school to a more normal situation post pandemic. His love of teaching and desire for every child to succeed will be remembered, as well as his great sense of humour and love of sport. We know he would rather wear his shorts than his suit!

Mr McHale moves on to Brymore Academy as Headteacher. We wish him every success in his new role. Mr Mc, we will miss you!



## 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](mailto:safeguarding@fairlandsmiddleschool.co.uk)

Designated Safeguarding Lead:  
Paul Stephens

### 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.

'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](mailto:absence@fairlandsmiddleschool.co.uk)

### Current Job Vacancies within WLT

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

[VIEW ALL VACANCIES HERE](#)

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Masons Way, Cheddar  
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[office@fairlandsmiddleschool.co.uk](mailto:office@fairlandsmiddleschool.co.uk)

## Useful Information

Further information can be found on our website: [www.fairlandsmiddleschool.co.uk](http://www.fairlandsmiddleschool.co.uk)

You can also keep informed via our Twitter feed @Fairlands482

### Careers Day 2024



We are thrilled to share the success of our recent Careers Day. The event was a remarkable opportunity for our pupils to broaden their horizons and explore a wide range of future career paths.

We are incredibly proud of our pupils for their exemplary behaviour and engagement throughout the sessions. Our visitors were impressed about the thoughtful questions posed in relation to the various careers discussed. To continue improving this experience, we will be sending out surveys to gather feedback from both pupils and visitors, as this insight will help us enhance Careers day for next year, ensuring it remains a valuable and enriching event for all participants.

We look forward to even more successful Careers Days in the future!

*Martin Davis – Assistant Headteacher*



### Stationery Expectations

A number of pupils are forgetting to bring the correct equipment to school each day. Each pupil should have the following equipment with them every day:

- Black handwriting pens
- Red pen
- HB Pencil
- Pencil Eraser and sharpener
- Whiteboard pen
- Calculator
- Glue stick
- Safety scissors with blunt tips
- Ruler

Please check your child's stationery equipment and ensure they have all the above items ready for the start of Term 6.

*Paul Stephens – Deputy Headteacher*

### First Schools' French Café Project



Over the last week, our Language Leaders have been visiting some of the First Schools to work with the Year 4 pupils. They delivered a French lesson, did a treasure hunt and ran a French café. For the café, the Year 4 pupils had prepared menus and practised being customers, whilst our Year 7 and 8 Language Leaders acted as wonderful waiters and waitresses! All the pupils involved in the project were amazing and really enjoyed the experience!

*Steph Milne - Faculty Leader for Global Communication*

### Year 5 Mendip Walk

On Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> May, Year 5 had a wonderful day taking part in the traditional annual Mendip walk. This is part of their Geography curriculum, but it is a great day out and an important part of their learning.



We completed a shop survey of the Gorge, followed by a tour of Gough's Cave. Pupils also completed the whole of the Gorge Walk. Needless to say, we clocked up some steps!!

The children behaved perfectly and we had many other walkers commenting on how lovely they were. They were great ambassadors for the school.

Looking forward to our walk next year already!

*Lucy Heard – Tutor and Teacher*



### Year 6 Crealy Theme Park Trip

On Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> May, Year 6 ventured to Crealy Theme Park, a well-deserved trip, after their fantastic efforts during their SATs. A thoroughly enjoyable day was had by all pupils. They made the most of the good weather and a very quiet park. The pupils got to experience a number of rides, with some pupils being taken out of their comfort zones and overcoming their fears!

The pupils were a delight to spend the day with and their powers of persuasion to get the teachers on the rides didn't go unnoticed. Hopefully Mr Pitt's screams on the log flume were not heard back in Cheddar!

*Greg Passingham – Pastoral Leader Year 5 and 6 / Mental Health First Aider*

### School Communications

- Year 7 and 8 – Letter from Jo Cowper regarding English Teaching
- Whole School – Letter from Mr McHale

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