



Date	Who	Detail, Timing and Venue
Thursday 24th October	All Pupils	FPTA Non-Uniform Day
Thursday 24th October	All Pupils	School closes for half term
Monday 4th November	All Pupils	School re-opens
Wednesday 6th November	All Pupils	Flu Vaccinations

Bulletin Round Up

- ❖ Please could data collection sheets be returned to the school office ASAP
- ❖ A reminder to parents/carers. Please do not park on site during school hours, spaces are allocated to staff and external agents.
- ❖ Foodbank vouchers are available on request from the school office
- ❖ Flu vaccinations – please complete the decision form below using school code SM147825 even if you do not consent.
<https://www.somersetsaint.co.uk/Forms/Flu>
- ❖ Year 8 Residential Visit to Northern France – details have been shared on Class Charts.
- ❖ School Photos - the closing date for **free delivery** back to school is **Monday 21st October 2024**. Order through the Tempest website using your unique link

FPTA Fundraising

- ❖ The FPTA cake sale has raised over £250. We will update you on the final total soon. Thank you for your support!
- ❖ Thursday 24th October, FPTA non-uniform day. Please bring your £1 donation on the day.

Class Charts - Resetting of House Points and Behaviour Points (Year 6, 7 & 8)

On Friday 25th October, the school is going to reset all house points and behaviour points for pupils in Years 6, 7 and 8, so that only points awarded since the start of this academic year will show on Class Charts. All house points and behaviour points received since Thursday 5th September will remain visible to all parents/carers and pupils.

The Fairlands Rewards System works on a key stage basis, with pupils working through KS2 (Yr5 and Yr6) to achieve school badges when they achieve the appropriate Threshold (number of points). In KS3 (Yr7 and Yr8), pupils work to achieve Commendation Certificates for achieving appropriate thresholds.

For Year 6 and Year 8 pupils who are in their second year at their current key stage, we will collate their total house points for last academic year and share these with the pupils via their tutors. We will then add last year's total to their ongoing total from this year.

Paul Stephens – Deputy Headteacher

Help! My friend has asked me...



This week several pupils from Year 5 and Year 6 spent time working with Hayley Durant (PFSA) from the Wessex Learning Trust. The six pupils were involved in a workshop which is part of a project called 'Help! My friend has asked me...'. The project is currently being set up by Somerset County Council and is looking for schools to run an activity session to find out what children and young people need in order to support their friends.

The project aims to give young people safe opportunities to support their friends, let them know what support is available and improve access to emotional mental health and wellbeing tips, information and signposting. All the pupils did a great job and were excellent ambassadors for Fairlands Middle School.

Paul Stephens – Deputy Headteacher

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:
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

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Somerset, BS27 3PG

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office@fairlandsmiddleschool.co.uk



Author Visit - Matt Dickinson



On Wednesday 9th October, Year 8 had an exciting visit from Matt Dickinson, who came to talk about Mount Everest. Along with sharing the challenges climbers face, like harsh weather and the importance of teamwork, Matt also shared fascinating facts about penguins in Antarctica and how they survive the extreme cold. He talked about his visit to Antarctica and showed us pictures. After his talk, we participated in a fun workshop where we wrote and created posters which had questions about Mount Everest. One of them was 'what effect does high altitude have on your body?' We used the laptops to research the questions he set for us, and he checked if we had the correct information. Mrs. Koutras and Matt chose some of their favourite posters and we had our photos taken. Everyone was really engaged and enjoyed the creative activity. Overall, it was an inspiring day that Year 8 enjoyed!

Written by pupil, Mimi Year 8

We look forward to welcoming Matt back to school in January for his second visit as Writer in Residence for Y8 at Fairlands.

Fiona Koutras – Teacher of English and Tutor

FRIENDLY FAMILY CLUB - EVERYONE WELCOME
Membership includes:

- Players training top
- Loaned Match kit
- Match day food
- Free entry to the Cheddar Valley Festival of Rugby
- Coaching with RCU trained coaches
- Discount for siblings
- Free entry for the chance to win England international tickets*

JOIN CHEDDAR VALLEY RFC

SUNDAY'S 10AM 1ST SEPT ONWARDS SHARPHAM RD, CHEDDAR

• Juniors - Aidan Cottee (U13s up) 07394352171
• Minis - Ed Davey (U6s - U12s) 07837569739

OCTOBER HALF TERM
YOUTH CLUB CRAFT & GAMES MORNING
THE SPACE

THURSDAY 25TH OCTOBER 9AM - 1PM BRING YOUR OWN PACKED LUNCH

WE ARE HOLDING A YOUTH CLUB CRAFT MORNING WHERE EVERYTHING WE MAKE WILL BE SOLD TO RAISE FUNDS FOR THE YOUTH CLUB. WE ARE SELLING OUR ITEMS AT THE HINGS FITNESS AND LEISURE CHRISTMAS CRAFT MORNING ON SUNDAY 24TH NOVEMBER. 100% OF THE MONEY WE RAISE FROM THE SALES GOES DIRECTLY BACK TO OUR YOUTH WHO WILL CHOOSE HOW TO SPEND IT.

CRAPTS ON THE MORNING ARE T-SHIRT TIE DYE, SHOPPING BAG SPRAY DYE, BRACELET MAKING AND CHRISTMAS CARDS. WE WILL ALSO HAVE GAMES AND SNACKS AVAILABLE FROM OUR SPACEBUCKS CAFE.

IF YOU ARE NOT CURRENTLY REGISTERED WITH OUR YOUTH CLUB YOU WILL HAVE TO PAY OUT & COLLECT FROM PARK TO THE 3RD BAY QUEL. PLEASE CONTACT VICTORIA ON VROODPA@THESPACEOMERSSET.ORG.UK

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[HTTPS://WWW.HAPPITY.CO.UK/THE-SPACE-SOMERSET](https://www.happity.co.uk/the-space-somerset)

Art for Wellbeing Parent Group
BRAND NEW!

This is a fantastic opportunity to explore ways to improve our wellbeing through creative art activities, sharing our stories and connecting with each other.

Our art therapy trainee Liz will support you to recognise and celebrate your strength and individuality through artistic expression. There is no need to feel 'good at art' as the approach to making will be experimental and playful.

Held at:
At The Space,
1-2 Lower North Street,
Cheddar,
BS27 3HA

Six Mondays
13:00 - 14:30
starting 4th
November

Email Katharine to book your place:
KThompson@thespacesomerset.org.uk

Music Lessons

Instrumental Tuition
Guitar, Bass guitar, Ukulele
With Andy Froot
Tuition Prices for 30mins
Individual - £14.00 pp
Shared Pair - £11.50 pp
Group (min 3, max 5) - £9.00 pp
Contact Andy:
01823 333652, 07795 411827 andyfrostband@gmail.com

Violin Lessons at Fairlands
If your child is interested in starting lessons with Helen please do get in contact directly with her
helenbrock_hb@yahoo.co.uk

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