

## **Newsletter Autumn Term 2020 – Classes 1G and 1P**

We would like to welcome you to a new school year at Fairfields! We are really happy to have you all back. We are taking extra precautions in school as a result of the COVID 19 situation. This includes extra handwashing throughout the day. Please speak to your child about how to wash hands carefully and thoroughly. Please also send in a named water bottle for your child.

For the first half of this term we will be adopting a transition period between the Early Years Foundation Stage and the National Curriculum. We will be using the topic of 'The Seaside' to link all relevant subject areas. The children will be taking part in lots of fun and creative learning. This theme will also run through our English and Maths work where possible. During the second half of the autumn term our topic will be 'Toys' which will include a workshop where the children will make a toy. A letter will be sent out nearer to the time regarding dates and pricing.

In the second half of this term the children will be bringing home weekly spellings to be tested the following week. We would appreciate it if you would help your children to learn these spellings using the 'LOOK – SAY – COVER – WRITE – CHECK' method. The children will have two books, one for their new spellings and one to complete their tests. Please ensure that the books are in your child's book bag every day.

Please hear your child read as often as possible. It is just as important to discuss the book as it is to read it and we have added a page in your child's reading record with comprehension questions that you could ask your child as you read together. Please sign your child's reading record every day in order for us to know they are ready to change their books.

Please make sure items of clothing including plimsolls are all **clearly labelled in a permanent pen /name tag**. This will ensure that any lost items will easily find their way back to their rightful owner. Please ensure that your child's shoes are relatively easy to put on and take off so that time is not wasted. From the beginning of September, all children will be required to bring a tracksuit and trainers as we will be outside for most of our PE lessons. The children will be having one of their PE lessons each week with Mr Z.

Please note that it is a strict school policy that no jewellery, including earrings are permitted whatsoever.

As we are not fully aware of family faces at present, we would appreciate your help at home time. The children will be let out one by one and will not be allowed to leave the building unless the teacher is positive that there is an adult there for them. Please help us by being forthcoming as you reach the door. We would be grateful if you would ensure that the class teacher is made aware if your child is to be picked up by anyone other than the regular person. This could be by a very brief note passed to the teacher in the morning or a phone call to the school if circumstances change during the course of the day.

Thank you for your help and co-operation. We look forward to meeting you all!

Miss F. Gray and Miss C. Page

Year 1 Class Teachers.