



Weekly Bulletin – Keeping you informed!

Dates for the diary:

Date	Who	Detail, Timing and Venue
Thurs 3 rd February	Year 8	Year 8 Parents evening 4.30pm-7pm
Tues 8 th February	Year 5 and new admissions	Health Ed information evening 6pm (virtual)
Thurs 10 th February	Year 8	Year 8 Parents evening 4.30pm-7pm

Y8 RE



This week we had Ruth Motion visit Year 8 as part of our current RE topic Religion and Equality, with a particular emphasis on gender equality. Ruth is the Chaplain at The Kings of Wessex Academy and she spoke about her journey to ordination, as well as her experiences as a vicar since ordination in October 2019.

The session was rounded up with a question and answer session, which included curiosities from whether or not people now treat her differently, to how Ruth chose the route of Ordination. This has been a fantastic opportunity for the pupils to meet Ruth

and explore what her role is as church leader and Chaplain at Kings.

Football



Three of our Football teams played matches last Thursday 13th January. Our Year 6 boys played at home against two teams from Millfield School. The Blue team won an astonishing 7-0, with Charlie scoring 5 of those goals. The Red team unfortunately lost 6-1 but put up a good fight, which resulted in an incredible goal at the end from Billy. Our Year 7 girls were away to Maiden Beech Academy in Crewkerne. Led by Gwennie as captain, there were many goals scored and lots of shots on target. At full time the score was 6-6 so went to extra time. The team played well and at the end of extra time, the score was 7-7. The tension built for penalties. Unfortunately, they lost after going to sudden death.

Well done to everyone who played!

Closure Notice

Part of the Strawberry line between Axbridge and Holwell Lane in Cheddar will be closed from Monday 31st January to Thursday 3rd February. Many of our pupils use this route to come to school so alternative arrangements will need to be made for these days.

Our values 'Caring and Inspirational'

Safeguarding

Safeguarding children is everyone's responsibility. If you are worried about a child, please call 07506731640 or email safeguarding@fairlandsmiddleschool.co.uk
Designated Safeguarding Lead:
Helen Heffernan

Covid-19

Please phone or email the absence line immediately 01934 743186 or email office@fairlandsmiddleschool.co.uk if your child has one or more of the Covid-19 symptoms. They must then self-isolate immediately for at least five days.

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.'

Term dates 2021/22

Term dates can be found [here](#)

Current Job Vacancies

There are currently no vacancies.

Fairlands Middle School,
Masons Way, Cheddar, Somerset, BS27 3PQ
Main Office: 01934 743186
Email: office@fairlandsmiddleschool.co.uk

Covid-19 Vaccinations

Clinics are being held at **The Grange, Clarks Village** for the next 2 Sundays (23rd & 30th January) from 10am until 4pm. They will be offering 1st and 2nd doses to all anyone eligible (for under 18's there must be 12 weeks between doses), along with booster vaccinations. Updated guidance for under 18's means there must be a 12 week gap between a positive Covid infection and their Covid Vaccine.

STEAM club

Year 8 are following a First Lego League programme, using Spike Prime sets. They have completed 5 sessions so far, during which they built the driving base and tested all the sensors. This will eventually help them build and program an autonomous robot to solve a number of missions!



Fusion



Fusion have launched a new Milkshake Bar, which has opened for children from Year 8 to Year 13. It is being held at the Fusion Hub and Café on Thursdays and Fridays in term time. Please see the advert for times and prices.

At the Milkshake Bar, there will be workers who are happy to listen and chat with young people. An opportunity to enjoy refreshments and socialise.



Lateral Flow Testing

Thank you for your continued support with twice-weekly lateral flow testing. Government guidance now suggests you must isolate for 5 days once you receive a positive result on an LFD. There is currently no need to take a PCR test unless you have symptoms. A lateral flow test will then need to be taken on days 5 & 6, 24 hours apart. Providing these are negative, the pupil can return to school on day 6. Unfortunately, we can only provide LFD test kits to our Year 7 & Year 8 pupils. For Year 5 & Year 6 and other family members, these will need to be collected from a pharmacy or ordered online.

Thank You

A big thank you to the canteen at The Kings of Wessex Academy and to Tuckers Fish 'n' Chip shop for helping us out last Friday 14th January, when we lost all power in our school kitchen. Without a second thought, the canteen staff cooked all our fish and Tuckers supplied endless amounts of chips. Fish and Chips Friday was saved!

School Applications

The closing date for applications for Year 5 to attend Fairlands in September has now closed. If you have not applied for a place for your child, it is important to take action now. Please follow the link to make a late application:

<https://www.somerset.gov.uk/education-and-families/apply-to-start-school/>.

Letters shared this week

- Letter from Mr McHale
- Health Education Programme
- Bags2School collection

All these and other information can be found on the school website.

Useful Information

Up to date information can be found on our website: www.fairlandsmiddleschool.co.uk

You can also keep informed via our Twitter feed @Fairlands482



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