

FAIRFIELD COMMUNITY PRIMARY SCHOOL

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BOOSTER CLASSES

Dear Parent/Carer,

You will be very well aware of the importance of SATs in May. Standard Assessment Tests are used to measure children's performance in Reading Comprehension, Maths/ Maths Reasoning and Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar (SPaG). Writing is assessed through the year and these assessments have already begun.

Pupil Performance is used for putting children into sets at high schools as well as judging primary school performance. Last year pupils not meeting the "expected standard" were scheduled to repeat the Y6 curriculum in their first year of high school. Thankfully this seems to have stopped but there is a new Minister for Education and always the possibility of such policies being brought back.

At Fairfield we have used booster classes to ensure that each child can come through the SATs demonstrating their ability at their very best. A booster class is an after school session of one hour for which specialist teachers volunteer to teach specifically to tests at each child's level. This is something that we cannot do during the normal day. The policy has been extremely successful with our school achieving higher results and greater progress than schools nationally. We are continuing this successful way of working.

The classes will start next week. Please give permission for your child to attend and therefore have the best possible chance of leaving primary school at the correct level.

The classes are as follows:

Monday: SPaG

Tuesday: Reading Comprehension

Thursday: Maths

The children have a short break and refreshments before each session.



Aiming for: Happiness and High Standards

Thankyou in advance for your support of this important strategy.

Yours sincerely,

C. J. Ashley D. Channell, J. Stuckey

Name of child _____

My child will be attending the Booster Classes commencing 22.1.18

He/she can go home alone... (not advised during dark nights)

He/she will be collected from school.

Signed _____ (Parent/ Carer)



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