

Firfield Primary School Newsletter

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Thank you to everyone for your understanding over the past few weeks and over the term, helping us keep the school a Covid safe environment. We have managed to keep all bubbles in school and learning and have not had any positive confirmed cases in recent weeks. Hopefully with a vaccine on the horizon, we will start to get back to normality during the spring term.



I would like to take this opportunity to thank the staff for all their hard work, care and time they have given during these challenging times. Everyone has done a fantastic job to provide the best we can for all the children.

MERRY CHRISTMAS

I wish our staff and families a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Mr Yellop

Staffing

We offer a warm welcome to Stacy Thomson who has joined our office team. It has been great to have someone who is already familiar to our school.

Welcome back to Miss Trigg who returns after maternity leave. She will be joining our Year 5 team teaching in Redwood Class for the start of the week.

We also welcome Mr Allton who will be joining our Year 4 team teaching in Birch Class for the start of the week.



The means we say goodbye to Miss Smith who has taken up a full-time teaching post and Mrs Icke who

finishes maternity cover in Year 5. We thank both for all their hard work and wish them all the best for the future.

We also say goodbye to Emily Aram who has worked as a Midday Supervisor and thank her for helping to keep children safe at lunchtimes. However, the children will still see her from time to time as she will be covering lunchtimes on a relief basis.

Our best wishes go to Miss Thompson and Mrs Shepherd who are starting maternity leave at the end of this term. We look forward to exciting news in the future!

Christmas Dinner

Remember Christmas dinner is on Thursday, 17th December this year. If you would like to book a Christmas lunch for your child, please do so before Monday 7th December in order for the kitchen to order in sufficient food. Please note that pizza will now be served on Wednesday 16th December instead of the 17th as listed on the school meal menu.



Christmas Jumper Day

This year Christmas Jumper Day will be on 11th December, children are invited to wear non uniform and a festive jumper. We will be watching a virtual Panto 'Cinderella' as a festive treat supported by the Parents and Teachers Association.



We also invite children to wear Christmas Jumpers on the last day of term, Friday 18th December.

Poppy Appeal



A massive thank you to all the children who purchased items for the Poppy Appeal. This year we raised an amazing £827 (our highest total).

Fundraising – Thank You

A huge thank you to the staff for being great sports this year and completing ‘I’m a Celebrity’ trials in school. And thank you to all the parents and children who donated to supporting Children in Need and the two children’s cancer charities that we will be donating to this year. We managed to raise over £1200, a fantastic effort.



Breaston St Michael’s Food & Toy Collection



A reminder that food, personal washing products, new toys or baby clothes can be donated to Breaston St Michael’s Canaan Trust Christmas Collection on Saturday 5th December

between 2-4pm. The school hall will be used as a drop off point.

Bags2School

Thank you to everyone who donated clothes and other items through the Bags2School appeal. We managed to raise £177.60 which will be used by the PTA to support the school with future events.

Little Princess Trust

A massive congratulations to Izzy Venison in Year 6 who raised an amazing £867 for the Little Princess Trust by cutting her hair to donate to children affected by hair loss. Amazing effort!



Parking



We continue to have some parking issues on Firfield Avenue. We ask parents not to use Firfield Avenue to park and leave a little extra time to walk the extra distance and park further from the school. This improves safety on a busy pedestrian road (we still ask parents to try and walk down the right-hand pavement) and reduces pollution that the children walk through. We have had calls from many of our neighbours over the past few months reporting that some of our parents have been very rude and this is totally unacceptable. Our school rules are Ready, Respectful and Safe and I would hope that we all promote these values with our children and families in and outside school.

Diary Dates

DECEMBER 2020

- 5th Canaan Trust Christmas Food Collection
- 7th Design and Technology Day
- 11th Christmas Jumper and Panto Day
- 17th School Christmas Dinner
- 18th Last Day of Term – Christmas Jumper Day

JANUARY 2021

- 4th Return to school