

# Firfield Primary School Newsletter

## July 2021

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### Thank You!

We continue to give our thanks to all parents for your support and understanding during these challenging times. Fortunately, we have not had to close any bubbles recently whilst many schools in the local area have and continue to have measures in place to ensure the safety of all our staff and families. Unfortunately, I have been asked by track and trace to self-isolate this week but will hopefully be back in school on Wednesday.

In September, following government guidelines, we will hopefully be able to relax some of our restrictions. The whole school will return to normal drop off (8:55am) and pick up times (3:30pm). The gates will be opened at 8:40am and a staff member will be on duty from 8:50am. We hope that we will no longer be restricted to class / year group bubbles, therefore allowing playtimes, lunchtimes and assemblies to return to normal. Rules are also changing in regard to isolation. We will provide further updates in September.

Mr Yellop.

### Farewell and Thank You Mrs Fletcher

Please remember that at the end of this term, we say goodbye and a massive thank you to Mrs Fletcher who is leaving Firfield to take up her own headship. She started with us as an NQT and has worked diligently over the last 16 years to ensure the school has continued to inspire children. She has had such a positive impact on hundreds of children over the years and I'm sure she will be remembered fondly by pupils, parents and staff alike. If you would like to contribute towards a leaving gift for Mrs Fletcher, there will be a collection in the school office.

**Thank  
YOU!**

I am sure you will join me in wishing her every success in her new role. She will be sadly missed.



### Goodbye

We also say goodbye and thank you to Mrs Patching, who has supported the school as a teacher for the last two years in Year 3 and more recently in Year 2. I am sure that we will continue to see her on a supply basis over the years ahead.

We also say farewell to Mrs Whitehouse who has been supporting the children across the school as a teaching assistant, we wish her all the best for the future.

In addition, we say goodbye to Miss Poole who has supported the learning in Key Stage One. She is leaving to undertake a degree and we wish her all the best in her studies!

### Staffing

We welcome back Mrs Shaw (formally Miss Thompson), Mrs Geeson and Mrs Shepherd who all return to teaching positions after maternity.



We are in the process of recruiting a Deputy Headteacher to support our leadership team.

### Sports Day

The children really enjoyed being able to take part in Sports Day again. We were so proud of the excellent sporting behaviours that the

children showed throughout the event (it was just a shame we were unable to invite parents). In Key Stage 2 this was held at Breaston Park and we kept a tally of the number of wins for each house. The results were as follows.

Dazzling Dolphins	51 Wins
Amazing Alligators	41 Wins
Tremendous Tigers	33 Wins
Mysterious Meerkats	23 Wins



Huge congratulations to the Dazzling Dolphins for being this year's champions!

## Reports

This week we will be sending home your child's end of year report. We have tried to make these simpler and more individualised. We will send out a link for parents to respond with their thoughts.

## Meet the Teacher

Remember this Wednesday for most classes there will be an opportunity for parents to meet their child's teacher for next year. To reduce the risk this will be done on the school playground outside the classrooms.



## Safeguarding Message

We hope that all our families will have a relaxing and safe summer break. During term time, if you have any safeguarding concerns, please contact the school and speak to one of the Designated Safeguarding Leads: Mr Yellop, Mrs Fletcher or Miss Tittershill.

Alternatively, if you are concerned about a child's welfare or worried they are being abused, you can ring Starting Point: (Call Derbyshire) 01629 533190 (this support is available during term time and holidays).

If you believe that a child or an adult is at immediate risk of harm and in need of

protection, then you should call the Police - **999**, straight away.

## Job Vacancies

We are currently looking to recruit Relief Midday Supervisors. If you are interested in applying, please pop into or call the school office for further details and an application form.

## Vertas Cleaning and Caretaking

A message from Vertas (our cleaning and caretaking provider)

We have an exciting opportunity for caretakers and cleaners to work for Vertas Derbyshire Ltd. We recognise that our cleaners and caretakers help our children and young people stay healthy and happy and a clean school supports their learning. If you are interested in working for us, we have lots of different hours available please simply email [careers@vertas.co.uk](mailto:careers@vertas.co.uk) telling us whereabouts in Derbyshire you are so we can match you to a convenient location.

## JULY 2021

<b>Mon 12<sup>th</sup></b>	Fun Day Key Stage 2 (Year 3-6)
<b>Mon 12<sup>th</sup></b>	Year 1 / 2 Trip to Stonehurst Farm
<b>Wed 14<sup>th</sup></b>	Netball - Yr6 vs Walter Evans
<b>Wed 14<sup>th</sup></b>	Parents meet the teacher (exc. Birch and Beech) 3:35pm - 4:30pm
<b>Thurs 15<sup>th</sup></b>	Reports out to parents
<b>Mon 19<sup>th</sup></b>	Year 4 - Twinlakes
<b>Mon 19<sup>th</sup></b>	Yr6 Leavers' party - 6pm
<b>Tues 20<sup>th</sup></b>	EYFS Trip to Bluebells Farm
<b>Wed 21<sup>st</sup></b>	Yr6 performance
<b>Thurs 22<sup>nd</sup></b>	Last day of term

## SEPTEMBER 2021

<b>Thurs 2<sup>nd</sup></b>	INSET day
<b>Fri 3<sup>rd</sup></b>	INSET day
<b>Mon 6<sup>th</sup></b>	Return to school