

Firfield Primary School Newsletter

December 2021

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Thank you to everyone for your understanding over the past few weeks and over the term. We now have CO² monitors (provided by the Department for Education) in each classroom. To help improve the air quality, we try to keep all classrooms well ventilated but also warm over the winter months. In the last few weeks, we have had an increasing number of positive cases in school and have taken the following measures to help keep everyone safe. Large gatherings such as assemblies and nativity practice have stopped. Staff and visitors are asked to wear face masks in communal areas. We are reinforcing the importance of good hygiene through hand washing and covering nose and mouth when sneezing or coughing. We are limiting shared spaces where we can and have cancelled other events that we had planned in school. I know that some of these changes are disappointing but our number one priority is the safety of our school community. We are in close contact with the Derbyshire Health Team and may need to take extra measures in the coming days.



Thank You to Firfield Staff

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the staff for all their hard work over the year. Everyone has done a fantastic job to provide the best we can for all the children.

MERRY CHRISTMAS

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

Mr Yellop

Staffing

We say goodbye, at the end of December, to Mrs Roseveare who has been so dedicated to Firfield Primary School over the many years she has worked here, and we wish her all the best for the future. We also say goodbye to Mrs Byard who joined us more recently and supported many children and families across the school as SENCo. Both members of staff will be missed by The Firfield Family.



We are delighted to announce that Miss Trigg will take over as school SENCo, Miss Lemon will lead Early Years and Mr Tolson will lead Key Stage 1. Well done to all three members of staff who will join the Senior Leadership Team in January.

Governors

Following the resignation of Mr Robertson from the role of Chair of Governors we would like to introduce our new chair Mr James Stafford. He joined the governing body two years ago and lives in Breaston village. As mentioned on the last newsletter we have some vacancies on the governing body (please see further details on the additional sheet).

Christmas Dinner

Remember Christmas dinner is on Tuesday 21st 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 fish fingers will now be served on Wednesday 23rd December.



Our kitchen was awarded 5 stars from the Food Standards Agency in a recent audit. Well done to the team!

Christmas Jumper Day

This year Christmas Jumper Day will be on Friday 10th December, children are invited to wear a festive jumper or non-uniform (if you don't have a jumper).



The Art of Being Brilliant

To support mental health and wellbeing of pupils, the school has organised virtual assemblies and workshops through the Art of Brilliance. This aims to help pupils lead happier lives and overcome any challenges they face. The assemblies will be for all pupils in school and the workshops will be for pupils in Year 3 and 5.



Poppy Appeal



A massive thank you to all the children who purchased items for the Poppy Appeal. Thank you to Mrs Shepherd and the school council members for attending the Remembrance Day service who represented the school brilliantly!

Fundraising – Thank You

A huge thank you to the staff and pupils for being brilliant sports this year and putting so much effort into their Strictly Dance routines. The three judges chose Redwood Class as the winners. Thank you to all the parents and children who donated to supporting Children in Need. We managed to raise £1396.38, nearly £200 more than last year, a fantastic effort.



Bags2School

Thank you to everyone who donated clothes and other items through the Bags2School appeal. We managed to raise £64 which will be used by the PTA to support the school with future events.

Parent Questionnaires

A massive thank you to all parents who replied to the questionnaire sent out in October. We really appreciate your feedback and hopefully we can make

some improvements to achieve even more positive responses in the future. We have attached additional sheets to this newsletter to share the main findings.

Class Dojo

Please ensure that any pupil absences are reported to the school office rather than contacting the class teacher via Class Dojo to ensure that any absences are recorded correctly.

Diary Dates

DECEMBER 2021

- 10th Christmas Jumper Day
- 20th Design and Technology Day
- 21st School Christmas Dinner
- 23rd INSET Day – School Closed

JANUARY 2022

- 10th Return to school
- 10th Behaviour Week in School