

# Firfield Primary School Newsletter

## June 2023

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### Message from Mr Yellop

We enjoyed a fantastic April and May with our Coronation celebrations, and finally received our super Ofsted report. The children in Year 2 and 6 completed their SATs tests, the children have all been amazing and showed excellent hard work to show us what they can do. Year 1 will be doing their phonics screening test this month and Year 4 will be involved in the multiplication check. All these screenings, tests and checks are part of the national checks that are being taken by children throughout the country. We will of course feed back results from these when they are made available to the school. Well done everyone for your super efforts.

Thank you.

Mr Yellop

### Hot Weather / Sun Safety

As we enter the second half of the summer term hopefully, we will have some pleasant weather to enjoy. We have revisited our school Sunsafes policy and offer the following advice. We encourage pupils to wear a sunhat when the UV is stronger during the summer months with the following recommendations:

Either broad-brimmed, bucket style or legionnaire to adequately shade the face, neck, ears and cheeks. Baseball caps are not recommended because they do not provide shade to the neck, ears or cheeks. Whilst we do not recommend baseball caps, they are still better than no hat at all! However extra care should be taken to protect the neck, ears and cheeks with sunscreen, as these areas can easily burn.

We ask parents to apply suncream before school on days where the UV levels are predicted to reach 3 or above and provide suncream for pupils to apply during the day. Pupils will be encouraged to apply suncream before lunchtime, afternoon play and for outdoor PE sessions.

We finally remind parents to provide pupils with drinks bottles (not Prime bottles please), preferably with

water to enable them to keep hydrated during the higher temperatures.

A copy of the Sunsafes policy can be found on the school website using the QR code link below.

### School Trim Trail

Unfortunately, due to deterioration we have decided to close the trim trail. We are now looking to replace this with new play equipment over the summer holidays and involved the school council in making the decisions about the play equipment they would like. We will hopefully be able to provide a shaded area to offer more protection on hot days.

### Staff News

At the end of last half term, we said goodbye to Mrs Cuomo who has worked at the school as a higher-level teaching assistant for over 20 years. She has taught many children across the school, especially using her languages expertise. We look forward to her joining us in school on a supply basis and wish her all the best in her next chapter.



### Safeguarding

Safeguarding remains at the top of our priorities in the summer term. Relationship, Sex and Health Education lessons are the main drive of PSHE lessons this term.

A reminder that if you have safeguarding concerns then please speak to one of the school designated safeguarding leads – James Yellop, Rachel Tittershill or Adam Thurgood. Mrs Shepherd has recently become a safeguarding lead, should you need to seek assistance in the absence of all three designated safeguarding leads. If you have concerns about the immediate safety of a child, then please ring the Derbyshire safeguarding team on the number below:

Starting Point 01629 533190

## Sports Day



Firstly, EYFS and KS1 sports day will take place on Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> June. EYFS (ballcourt) and Year 1 (main playground) will start at 9.30am and Year 2 (main playground) will

start at 11am.

Secondly, KS2 sports day will take place on Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> July. Year 3/4 sports will start at 10am on Breaston Park. Year 5/6 sports will start at 1.15pm.

Children should wear normal PE kit and ensure sun cream is applied if the weather is hot as there is limited shelter.

## Treat Day

On Friday 14<sup>th</sup> July we will be holding our treat day in school. This will follow a similar structure to last year. We will have an ice-cream van and inflatable relay course as well as lots of fun activities arranged in each year group. It is an opportunity to say thank you to the children who have worked so hard over the year.

## Term Time Leave of Absence

We would like to remind parents that every day at school is of the utmost importance and that the school will not authorise holidays during term time. Only under exceptional circumstances will leave be granted for children at the school. We have had a large number of requests in the summer term and may need to issue Derbyshire County Council fines in the future if this continues to effect attendance at the school.

## Parents and Teachers Association (PTA)

### Summer Fayre

Firfield Summer Fair is back on Saturday 1st July 12pm – 3pm in the school playground. We are hoping that returning the fair to a Saturday will mean more Firfield families can attend. It is open to everyone so bring your extended family and friends along to join in the fun.

There will be arena events, a BBQ, ice cream, stalls and games, plus lots of fun.

To make the event as successful as possible we are asking for volunteers to help on the day – even 1 hour will help us step closer to achieving our fundraising target of £5000. This money will be put towards the purchase of a reading cabin to provide much needed library and reading space.

We have put the donation bins out at school and welcome donations of the following:

Good quality teddies and soft toys

Raffle prizes

New unused children & adult gifts for the tombola

Undamaged party bag items (let us reuse as prizes and reduce items going to landfill)

If you can help support this event in any way, please contact the PTA via their Facebook Page, the school office, a member of the committee or email [pta@firfield.derbyshire.sch.uk](mailto:pta@firfield.derbyshire.sch.uk).

Please help us to give our community a great day out!

## **INSET Days for 2023/24**

The governors have decided that the following days will be used as INSET days in the next academic year.

**Monday 4<sup>th</sup> September 2023**  
**Friday 27<sup>th</sup> October 2023**  
**Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> December 2023**  
**Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2024**

There will be one further INSET day; the date will depend on whether the school is going to be used as a polling station in 2024.

## **Diary Dates**

### **JUNE 2023**

<b>Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Year 4 Times Tables Check (window opens)</b>
<b>Monday 12-16<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Year 1 Phonics Check</b>
<b>Monday 19-23<sup>rd</sup></b>	<b>Assessment Week in school</b>
<b>Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>New Parents Meeting (Reception 2023)</b>
<b>Wednesday 21-23<sup>rd</sup></b>	<b>Year 6 Residential (Whitehall)</b>
<b>Friday 23<sup>rd</sup></b>	<b>Non-Uniform Day (PTA fundraiser)</b>
<b>Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>EYFS / KS1 Sports day</b>
<b>Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup>-29<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Friesland Transition Day</b>
<b>Friday 30<sup>th</sup> June</b>	<b>Trent College Transition Day</b>

### **JULY 2023**

<b>Saturday 1<sup>st</sup></b>	<b>Summer Fayre 12-3pm</b>
<b>Thursday 6<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>KS2 Sports day</b>
<b>Friday 7<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Year 5 trip to Friesland (Performing Arts)</b>
<b>Friday 7<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Art Day in School</b>
<b>Monday 10<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Stratford Year 6 Trip</b>
<b>Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>All Change Day (transition to new class)</b>
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>All Change Day (transition to new class)</b>
<b>Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Long Eaton School Transition Day</b>
<b>Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Meet the teacher</b>
<b>Friday 14<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Treat Day</b>
<b>Friday 14<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Reports Out</b>
<b>Monday 17<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Year 6 Party</b>
<b>Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Year 6 Production</b>
<b>Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Year 6 Production</b>
<b>Friday 21<sup>st</sup></b>	<b>Last day of term</b>