

Firfield Primary School Newsletter

July 2023

www.firfield.derbyshire.sch.uk

We come to the end of another year where we have been extremely busy redesigning our knowledge rich curriculum, continuing to promote excellent behaviour and ensuring that teaching and learning is strong. Our Ofsted in March showed just how far the school has come and the improvement we have made. I would firstly like to thank all the staff for their amazing efforts this year, Ofsted commented that 'they work their socks off' to ensure the children get the very best education. Secondly I would like to thank you, as parents for all the support you have given over the year. And finally, all the children who make the school such a great place to be, you should be very proud of them.

We hope you have a wonderful summer break. Keep safe and have fun. We look forward to welcoming you all back in the autumn term.

Classes for next year

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| Mrs Chambers | Reception | Holly Class |
| Mrs Shah | Reception | Maple Class |
| Mrs Thomas | Year 1 | Apple Class |
| Miss Truman | Year 1 | Pear Class |
| Mrs Geeson / Mrs Shaw | Year 2 | Lime Class |
| Mr Tolson | Year 2 | Olive Class |
| Mr Mundy | Year 3 | Beech Class |
| Mr Thurgood / Miss Tittershill | Year 3 | Pine Class |
| Miss Tomlinson | Year 4 | Elm Class |
| Mrs Swallow | Year 4 | Birch Class |
| Mr Lawson | Year 5 | Oak Class |
| Miss Trigg / Mrs Shepherd | Year 5 | Redwood Class |
| Mrs Walsh | Year 6 | Chestnut Class |
| Mrs Lawson | Year 6 | Willow Class |

After recent interviews we would like to congratulate Miss Tomlinson who has now joined our Senior Leadership Team with responsibility for Key Stage 2 and Literacy across the school.

Year 6



We say farewell to our Year 6 pupils. We look forward to the end of year performance and year 6 party in the last week. We have many fond memories and successes that we have shared.

We wish them all the best for the future and hope they continue to excel at secondary school.

Sports Day

Thank you to all the parents that were able to attend our EYFS and Key Stage 1 Sports Day last week. There were many excellent sporting performances from the children and we thank all the parents who joined in with some races at the end. A reminder, this week, it will be the turn of Key Stage 2 with Year 3/4 in the morning and Year 5/6 in the afternoon (at Breaston Park). We look forward to seeing you there.

Reports

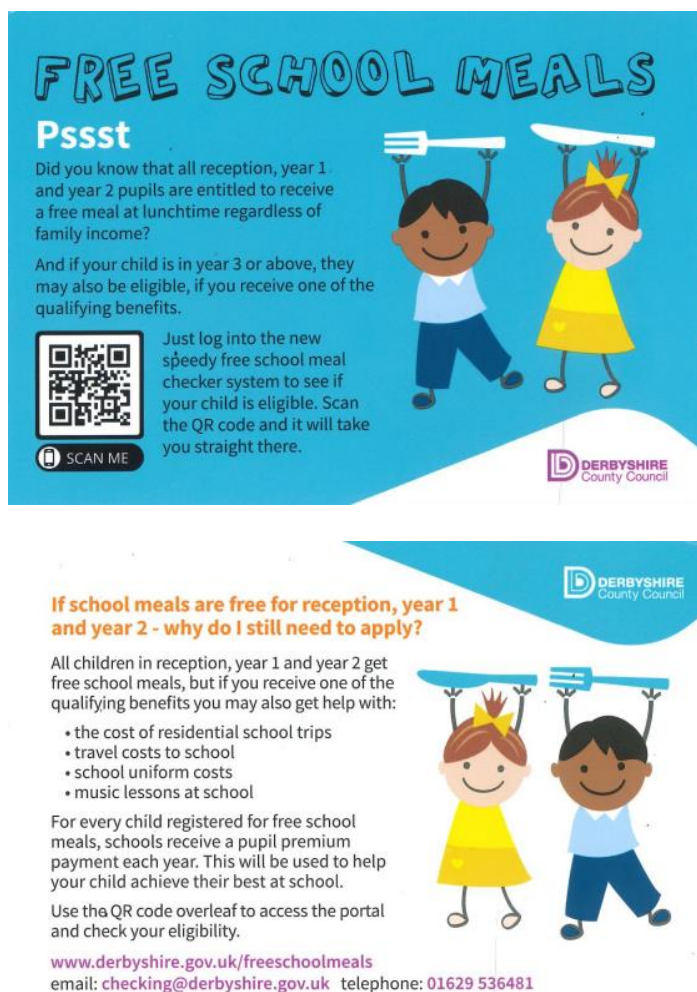
On Friday next week we will be sending home your child's end of year report. After positive feedback from the last two years, we have kept the report format the same. We invite feedback on reports or the learning throughout the year on a form included with the report.

Governors

We say a massive thank you to James Stafford who has been the Chair of Governors for the last two years. Alongside the other governors he has ensured that the leadership of the school remains strong and the strategic direction is clear. Vic Beardmore has been elected to lead the governing body as Chair. I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the governors for the hard work they put into supporting the school.

School Meals

Please see the information below regarding free school meals.




FREE SCHOOL MEALS

Pssst

Did you know that all reception, year 1 and year 2 pupils are entitled to receive a free meal at lunchtime regardless of family income?

And if your child is in year 3 or above, they may also be eligible, if you receive one of the qualifying benefits.

Just log into the new speedy free school meal checker system to see if your child is eligible. Scan the QR code and it will take you straight there.



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DERBYSHIRE County Council

If school meals are free for reception, year 1 and year 2 - why do I still need to apply?


All children in reception, year 1 and year 2 get free school meals, but if you receive one of the qualifying benefits you may also get help with:

- the cost of residential school trips
- travel costs to school
- school uniform costs
- music lessons at school

For every child registered for free school meals, schools receive a pupil premium payment each year. This will be used to help your child achieve their best at school.

Use the QR code overleaf to access the portal and check your eligibility.

www.derbyshire.gov.uk/freeschoolmeals
email: checking@derbyshire.gov.uk telephone: 01629 536481



DERBYSHIRE County Council

I would also like to take this opportunity to congratulate the catering team who provide such a brilliant level of service to ensure our children are well fed. They recently had a visit from Environmental Health and the Derbyshire Catering team and were awarded a food hygiene rating of 5 - this being the highest ranking. They do an amazing job!

PTA

At the weekend we enjoyed our Summer Fair. The weather was kind and lots of fun was had. I would like to extend a huge thank you to the PTA and all the parents that supported the event and for their events throughout the year. Over the summer we are looking to install our reading cabin to support our drive in this area. The money raised over the year has enabled us to get this project started.



Uniform

As parents are preparing for a new school year and new term, I wanted to send out a reminder about school uniform. The following dress code is expected at all times:

Winter uniform

- Dark green cardigan or jumper
- Yellow polo shirt
- Mid grey skirt/ pinafore dress
- Mid grey trousers
- Grey / black or white tights or socks
- Black sensible school shoes

Suitable hair styling should be encouraged in school for example no hair dyes or extravagant hairstyles - mohawks or shaved patterns in hair.

P.E. Requirements

- Black plimsolls
- Black P.E. shorts / 'skorts'
- Plain white T shirt

In addition to indoor P.E. it is expected that the children will take part in activities outside so the following items are required:

- A plain black tracksuit/ or dark jogging trousers with a black tracksuit top or fleece
- Plain trainers suitable for sporting activities

(Football shirts will not be allowed for PE)

HA4K

A huge thank you to HA4K for providing the inflatables for our PTA Summer Fair and our upcoming Treat Day. HA4K offer a variety of clubs throughout the school holidays, for further information please visit their website below.

<https://www.ha4k.co.uk/default.asp>

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, Mr Thurgood 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.

School Crossing Vacancy



Derbyshire County Council are still hiring for a School Crossing Patrol for Wilsthorpe Road. If you are interested in this role, please contact either on:

Tel: 07768 554384

Or

school.crossing@derbyshire.gov.uk

JULY 2023

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| Mon 10th | Stratford Year 6 Trip |
| Tues 11th - 12th | Transition Days (Wilsthorpe & Long Eaton School) |
| Weds 12th | Meet the Teachers |
| Thurs 13th | Summer Concert |
| Fri 14th | Treat Day |
| Fri 14th | Reports out to parents |
| Tues 18th | Year 6 Production (3.45pm) |
| Tues 18th | Year 6 Production (5.45pm) |
| Weds 19th | Year 6 Party |
| Fri 21st | Last day of term |

SEPTEMBER 2023

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| Mon 4th | INSET day |
| Tue 5th | Return to school |