

# Firfield Primary School Newsletter

## November 2023

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Last month we achieved so much and the school grounds are looking great. The trim trail has now been completed and is being fully used during the school day and by WRAP club before and after school. Thank you to the school council for the excellent choice in equipment and Miss Neasham for organising the team to put the ideas into reality. We are looking to add a few extra pieces of equipment in the near future. We also looking forward to opening our 'Reading Lodge' very soon, the furniture has been delivered and new books arrived. We are all very excited at the prospect of using the space very soon. Thank you to the PTA who helped fund the lodge and the furniture inside.

It is that time of year where we start to think about Christmas and organise all the exciting activities and events that will take place.

### PTA Christmas Extravaganza

Firstly, we are delighted to announce our PTA Christmas Extravaganza. The reading lodge will be magically turned into Santa's Grotto. Children will be able to book a 'Storytime with Santa'. There will be lots of family fun with great prizes, delicious food and refreshments including Christmas Eve bags and lots of other family fun activities.

We already have some fantastic Raffle Prizes but will be collecting more prizes which can be dropped off in the PTA bins located near the entrances or dropped off at the school office.



This year the PTA will be fundraising for outdoor shading and seating, scooter and bike storage and developing the space outside the reading lodge.

### School Christmas Dinner



Christmas Dinner will be on Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> December this year. If your child would like one, please order via ParentPay in advance so that the catering team can order enough food to cater for everyone. We also invite children to wear their

Christmas jumpers again on this day (The main Christmas Jumper Day is 7<sup>th</sup> December).

### Christmas Panto

This year we have arranged for a Christmas Pantomime in school. This will be Cinderella and will be performed to different year groups throughout the day on Monday 18<sup>th</sup> December.



### Christmas Performances

We are looking forward to inviting parents to watch the children in their Christmas Performances. This year's performance in KS1 is Santa's Setbacks and Hey Ewe! in EYFS. The performance dates can be found to the right. (Ticket details to follow next week)

Further details regarding the KS2 Christmas Carol service to follow.

### Welcome back!

We welcome Miss Harston back after her maternity leave. She will be supporting in EYFS before taking over fulltime as Maple Class Teacher when we return after the Christmas break.

## The Big Sing

Congratulations to children from Glee Club that were involved in 'The Big Sing' at Trent College on Wednesday.

You were excellent role models and made the school proud with your efforts. Thank you to all the parents that supported the event, we hope you enjoyed the evening performance and the amazing singing. Also, a big thank you to Mr Mundy for helping to organise the event.



## Reading Role Models

We are pleased to announce that some of our Year 6 children have been selected as our new 'Reading Role Models'. These children will be running a reading club on a Wednesday lunchtime supporting our younger Key Stage 2 children with their reading and with logging reads on Boom Reader. Later in the year, they will be visiting Key Stage 1 to read to classes and hear individual readers. We are proud of the contribution they are making to our school community.

## Anti-bullying week

As a school, we are proud to support the Anti-Bullying Alliance with their mission. Anti-Bullying Week 2023 will be taking place from Monday 13th - Friday 17th November and the theme this year is 'Make a Noise About Bullying, a theme that empowers everyone to do something positive to counter the harm and hurt that bullying causes. We kick off the week inviting children to wear odd socks on Monday 13th November.

## Children in Need

A reminder that on Friday 17th November we will be holding a

fundraising day to support Children in Need. This year the theme is 'SPOTacular' and we are inviting children to donate £1 to come into school dressed in a 'SPOTacular' outfit. We will also have a BEARpee challenge and Year 5 and 6 will run stalls in the afternoon. Remember children can bring up to £3 to spend on the day (in a named wallet, purse or envelope).



## Derby Mission Food & Toy Collection

Breaston St Michael's (Derby Mission and Canaan Trust) are using the school as a food collection point on Saturday 26th November. The school would also like to invite parents to bring in food, personal washing products, new toys or baby clothes. These can be dropped off outside the reading lodge on the 23rd and 24th November or between 2:00pm - 4:00pm on Saturday 25th.

## Delivery and Collection Policy

A reminder to all parents and carers that whilst the school gates open at 8.45am, **we ask adults to stay with the children until the whistle goes at 8.55am** to ensure children are supervised at all times. When the whistle goes and children line up in their classes then the teachers will take over that responsibility. Any children who arrive **after 9.05am will need to go to the office** as the register will have already been taken and this will go down as a 'Late' mark. **At 9.05am the gates on Sawley Road will be locked followed by the main gates.** We also ask that any **Year 6 children** who are permitted to walk to school without a parent **do not arrive before 8.45am.**

In the afternoon the gates will be opened at 3.25pm. We ask that they are picked up only by a parent or responsible adult. **Only Siblings 14 years and older** are also permitted to pick up younger siblings. Parents / carers must inform their child's class teacher or school office if there is a change to the collection arrangements for a child on any certain day to ensure the class teacher has the necessary information. Please contact the school office directly if there is a change during the day to collection arrangements rather than via class email / Class Dojo as these messages may not be read during the day. Click on the QR code below for the full policy.



## Bikes and Scooters



A reminder that we ask all pupils to jump off bikes and scooters when they enter the school grounds. The playground is a busy space and we want to ensure that everyone can come and leave safely. This also

includes younger children that come with parents to pick up siblings. Parents leave bikes and scooters at own risk, please use a lock if needed.

## Trim Trail and Tyres

As mentioned earlier we are delighted that the trim trail is now complete and being used throughout the school day. We ask that children, including younger siblings, do not use these facilities at pickup and drop off times as they are not supervised by a member of school staff.

## Diary Dates

### NOVEMBER 2023

- 12<sup>th</sup> Remembrance School Council
- 13<sup>th</sup> Odd Socks Day- anti-bullying
- 17<sup>th</sup> Children in Need Day
- 25<sup>th</sup> Canaan Trust Christmas Food Collection
- 30<sup>th</sup> Flu Immunisations

### DECEMBER 2023

- 1<sup>st</sup> PTA Christmas Fayre 5-7pm
- 7<sup>th</sup> Christmas Jumper Day
- 13<sup>th</sup> EYFS Performance 9.30 AM
- 13<sup>th</sup> Yr 1 & Yr 2 Christmas Performance PM
- 14<sup>th</sup> Yr 1 & Yr 2 Christmas Performance AM
- 18<sup>th</sup> Christmas Panto – Cinderella (in school)
- 20<sup>st</sup> Christmas Craft Afternoon
- 20<sup>st</sup> School Christmas Dinner
- 21<sup>st</sup> Last Day of Term