



Firfield Primary School Newsletter

January 2024

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Happy
New
Year

Happy New Year everyone, hopefully you had a relaxing Christmas break. Over the Autumn term we have tried to simplify our school vision

which now reads "Our vision is to empower everyone to be brilliant every day, releasing their inner superhero so that they can flourish and thrive'. We have also decided to focus on four core values:- **Honest, Kind, Resilient and Inclusive**. A reminder that all three school rules are **Ready, Respectful and Safe**. We ask for your support in promoting our ethos and culture.

School Closures

In the event of adverse weather conditions, families can find out if the school is closed in the follow ways:

- School Messaging Service of emails and texts. Please ensure your number is stored in ParentPay (Personal details section)
- Class Dojo
- School's Website (Front page) www.firfield.derbyshire.sch.uk
- Derbyshire County Council Website www.derbyshire.gov.uk



(The local authority will also inform local radio stations for their regular bulletins and websites)

Please do not telephone the school before 8.30am

On the first day of any school closure, we will not be able to set work through remote learning (Class Dojo) but aim to offer remote learning on the second day of any closure (this enables staff to ensure that work is current and follows current planning).

Attendance

School attendance has always been an area of strength at Firfield. Thank you for your support with this.



So far this year attendance has continued to be good at 95.9% (above the national average of 92.5% for autumn term last year) but feel that we could do even better and aim to raise attendance closer to 97%. Please be aware that holidays should not be taken during term time and unless under exceptional circumstances as this will not be authorised. A reminder, if your child has sickness or diarrhoea then they should remain off school for 48 hours, this will prevent passing this on to others in school. If your child is absent from school, please ring the office as soon as possible (before 9.30am) to inform us.

Delivery and Collection of Children

A gentle reminder regarding the Delivery and Collection of Children policy. I would be grateful if all parents and guardians could familiarise themselves with these procedures as they outline the timings for the start and the end of the day as well as gate opening times.

8:45 am - Children can commence arriving at school from this time.

8:55 am - The whistle is blown, and staff will be on duty just before this time.

9:05 am - By this time, all gates onto the playground will be locked and the site secured.

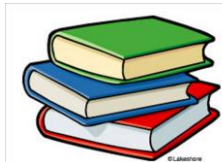
3:25 pm - The gates to the playground will be unlocked for parents to enter to collect children.

3:45 pm - (or after the last parent / carer / child has left) the Sawley Road gates will both be locked again so that the only point of entry into the school is via the Firfield Main entrance and through Reception or if collecting a child from the After School Club via the WRAP club doorbell.

Parent Consultation Evenings

This term's parents' consultation evenings will be held on **Tuesday 13th February and Thursday 15th February from 4.00pm - 7.00pm.**

Book Evenings



A book evening for parents will be held on **Wednesday 7th February** after school from **3.30pm - 5.00pm.** This gives

you the opportunity to come into school and look through your child's work with your child before the Parent Consultation Evenings the following week.

Safeguarding

A reminder that the designated safeguarding leads are James Yellop, Adam Thurgood, Rachel Tittershill and Kirsty Shepherd. If you have any safeguarding concerns, please contact one of our DSLs through the school office. Remember if you have immediate concerns about the welfare or safety of a child, please contact the police or Derbyshire Starting Point on 01629 533190.

Young Lives vs Cancer

A huge thank you for all the donations given in the autumn term. Our amazing school donation of £486.45 could pay for 12 overnight stays in one of the Young Lives vs Cancer's 11 Homes from Home. Well done everyone!

Swimming at Firfield

Year 5 Swimming last session will be Thursday 15th February 2023 and Year 3 Swimming will commence on Thursday 29th February 2023. Further details will be sent out shortly.



JANUARY 2024

Mon 8th Return to School
Fri 12th Curriculum News Out

FEBRUARY 2024

Mon 5th Children's Mental Health Week
Tues 6th Safer Internet Day
Wed 7th Book Evening for Parents
Fri 9th Young Voices
Tues 13th Parents' Evening
Thurs 15th Parents' Evening
Fri 16^h **LAST DAY OF TERM**
Mon 26th Back to school
Thurs 29th Year 3 swimming starts

HA4K will be holding their holiday club at the school during February Half Term. Please do get in touch directly with the HA4K team should you wish to use their provision. More information can be found on their website shown below:

<https://ha4k.co.uk/>

Further dates will be added on the February newsletter.