

# Firfield Primary School Newsletter

## February 2024

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As we move into February, we have lots of events in school to look forward to. We have our book evening this week on Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> February where we invite parents into school to see some of the fantastic learning that has taken place this year. On the same day we are opening our reading lodge with star author Alan Macdonald who writes the Dirty Bertie books. He will be in school for the afternoon and signing copies from 3.45pm (at the new reading lodge).

We also look forward to welcoming you all to parents' evening on the 13<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> February. Hopefully you have all had the opportunity to book a time slot online, if not please try and do this before the end of today and contact the office if you are having any difficulties.

We are also delighted to have the last few pieces of equipment on the trim trail. We have added a couple more pieces of gym equipment and two rockers.

Mr Yellop

### Children's Mental Health Week – Let's Connect



This week is Children's Mental Health Week. Children will be involved in different activities to help improve awareness. This year's theme is called 'My Voice Matters' and is about empowering children and young people by providing them with the tools they need to express themselves. A reminder that to celebrate our support for mental health and wellbeing children can 'Dress to Express' on Friday 10<sup>th</sup> February.

If you have any concerns about your child's mental health, please speak to your child's class teacher or a member of the Senior Leadership Team. We also have our mental health and well-being champions who will be supporting sharing messages with their peers (they wear rainbow lanyards).

### Swimming at Firfield



Year 5's last swimming session will be Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> February.

In recent weeks they have been focusing on water safety activities. Thank you to all the parents and volunteers who have supported with swimming this year. Year 3's swimming will commence on Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> February 2024.

### Knowledge Organiser Information Evening

On Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> February we will be holding an Information Evening to share developments with our curriculum. We will look at knowledge organisers and our knowledge-rich curriculum. There will be a face-to-face meeting at 3.40pm and a virtual session at 5pm on Microsoft teams. Further details have already been sent via email.

### Safer Internet Day

This year Safer Internet Day 2024 falls on Tuesday, February 6, 2024. The theme for this year is "Tech in our World"<sup>1</sup>. It's a day dedicated to promoting safer and more responsible use of online technology and mobile phones, especially among children and young people in Europe and across the world. This week we will be holding special assemblies and classroom activities promoting safer use of the internet. Derbyshire Alert (which is the community messaging system for the whole of Derbyshire) is promoting resources for families around internet safety (there is a webinar on Tuesday and Friday this week), click on the QR code for more information.



Derbyshire Alert Safer Internet Resources

## Parent Questionnaire - Homework

As part of our ongoing drive for excellence we will be asking parents to complete a short questionnaire about homework. We will share a link during parents' evening next week and then email it out if anyone does not have the opportunity to complete the survey on the night.

## PTA News

The Parents and Teachers Association continue to support the school and will



be holding a number of events this term. Firstly, the PTA School Discos on the 1<sup>st</sup> March and then the Easter Trail on Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> March (more information to follow). As part of our drive to promote healthy lifestyles, the PTA are looking to raise money for additional seating and shade and provide additional storage for bikes and scooters to encourage alternative travel to school.

## Sustainable Travel

The school council is also looking to improve the local environment by encouraging different methods of travel to school and helping to promote kindness and respect around school. We have signed up for 'Sustran's Big Walk and Wheel Challenge' which aims to inspire pupils to make active journeys to school, improve air quality in their neighbourhood and discover how these changes benefit their world. This initiative will take place from 11<sup>th</sup>-22<sup>nd</sup> of March. More details will be provided closer to the date.

Secondly, we will soon be sending out a parking promise which aims to promote respectful parking in the local community and encourage families to park a little further away from school to reduce the congestion on Firfield Avenue. In exchange for signing the pledge families will receive a car sticker to promote the scheme.



## INSET Days

Please note the next INSET day will be on Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> May and the final one is Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2024.

There are **no planned INSET** days for the **Spring Term** and children are expected in school on Friday 16<sup>th</sup> February which is the last day before the half term break.



## FEBRUARY 2024

Mon 5 <sup>th</sup> - 9 <sup>th</sup>	Mental Health Week
Tues 6 <sup>th</sup>	Safer Internet Day
Wed 7 <sup>th</sup>	Book Evening 3.30 - 5pm
Wed 7 <sup>th</sup>	Author Visit (book signing)
Fri 9 <sup>th</sup>	Young Voices (Glee Club)
Tues 13 <sup>th</sup>	Parents' Evening
Thurs 15 <sup>th</sup>	Parents' Evening
Fri 16 <sup>th</sup>	Last Day of term
Mon 26 <sup>th</sup>	Return to School
Thurs 29 <sup>th</sup>	Year 3 Swimming Starts

## MARCH 2024

Fri 1 <sup>st</sup>	PTA School Disco
Thurs 7 <sup>th</sup>	World Book Day Dress up (Firfield)
11 <sup>th</sup> - 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Big Walk and Wheel Challenge
Fri 15 <sup>th</sup>	Red Nose Day
Tues 19 <sup>th</sup>	Butterfly House Year 2 Trip
Tues 19 <sup>th</sup>	Experience Easter Year 3 Trip
Thurs 21 <sup>st</sup>	World Down's Syndrome Day
27 <sup>th</sup> & 28 <sup>th</sup>	Year 4 Residential
Fri 29 <sup>th</sup>	Good Friday - School Closed