

# Firfield Primary School Newsletter

## May 2024

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### Message from Mr Yellop

As we start to move into the summer term, we are delighted with all the pupils involved in our sporting events and competitions. In June we will be holding our annual sports days, Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> morning for EYFS and KS1 in the afternoon (this year we will be hosting KS1 sports day on Breaston Park). Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> will be our KS2 sports day (on Breaston Park as usual), Year 5&6 in the morning and Year 3&4 in the afternoon.

During May and June many children in school will be involved in statutory or school assessments. Year 6 will be sitting national tests in May. In June, Year 1 will be involved in Phonics and Year 4 will complete an online times table assessment. Finally Year 2 will be involved in the optional SATs tests next month.

Towards the end of June other year groups will complete summer assessments to help us inform teacher assessments which will be reported to parents in the end of year reports.

### Relationships and Sex and Health Education - BERT Award

The school has now received our BERT Silver award certificate for excellence in Building Effective Relationships Together. Well done to the team for all the efforts in achieving this award. A reminder that on the 8<sup>th</sup> May (3.30pm – 4.30pm) there is an opportunity for parents to view the materials used to teach RSHE during the summer term. For further information see the letter sent out to parents last week. If you wish to attend you can scan the below QR code to provide your details.



### Sporting Update

Well done to Miss Neasham who completed the London Marathon in just over 4hrs 26minutes. A super achievement, we are proud of you!

We have been involved in many sporting competitions and events this year, lots of details can be found on Class Dojo, here are a few of the highlights.

Well done to the swimming team who came first in the girls, boys and overall gala against eight local schools, an amazing achievement.

After entering the netball league for the first time, two wins last week has put us in a good position in the league table. Well done to all involved.

The school represented Erewash in the Derbyshire athletic finals after winning the local competition. Super effort everyone!

The Year 5/6 football team have put some excellent performances all season, finishing top of the league with 12 wins out of 14 games. The girls football team have also been performing well, finishing mid table.

Finally, the tag rugby team have been battling hard, winning many games so far this season and currently in third place with a couple of games left.

A massive thank you to all the pupils who have been competing this year, the staff especially Mrs Smith for dedicating so much time to training and attending matches and for the parents' support. We are pleased to be able to offer such a wide range of activities, events and competitions.



## Travel and Parking

Thank you to all parents who have signed up to our school parking pledge. We still invite parents to sign up to receive a parking pledge car sticker to show your support to considerate parking and the health benefits of parking a little further and striding to school.



## Travel Smart Week

During the week beginning 20<sup>th</sup> May we will be recording how pupils travel to school over the week. This would be an ideal opportunity to kickstart new habits by trying to reduce pollution and congestion by **walking, cycling or scooting** to school (even if this is parking a little further away and walking some of the way, **Park and Stride**). Increasing your step count is also a great way of keeping physically and mentally healthy.



## Bike Security Marking

Thank you to all the parents who booked in to get bikes security marked by the PCSO. We will keep the Microsoft Form open, use the QR code below or click the link on the original email if you would still like to have your child's bike security marked and we will arrange an additional date this term.



## Governors

Thank you to the three parents that have put themselves forward to become a governor of the school. Now that we have all nominations in, we are asking parents to vote on who they would like to represent them on the governing body.

We are still looking for a couple of co-opted governors to ensure we have a full governing body, ideally we are looking for individuals with expertise in finance, HR and strategic planning. If you are aware of anybody, who is not a parent and would be interested in becoming a governor, please direct them to email in to:

[enquiries@firfield.derbyshire.sch.uk](mailto:enquiries@firfield.derbyshire.sch.uk)

## Run with Rich 2024

We want to make parents aware of an upcoming event at Holme Pierrepont on Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> June. This is an event is close to the hearts of everyone at Firfield. There are two courses for children and families to participate in: A one mile course with sensory experiences for families with small children, people with complex needs and anyone who has just taken up running or the 5km run around the entire lake. Please scan the QR for more details.



## Sun Safety

As per our Sun Safety Policy sent out in June 2023 and on the school website, we kindly remind parents to ensure that their child has sufficient sun cream put on before school to last them throughout the day. We appreciate some children may need a top up, so we ask that children are sent in with sun cream where necessary. Children should also have a sun hat in school to help protect them from the sun during lunch and playtimes.

## Hayfever Medication

As per the letter sent out on 18<sup>th</sup> April 2024, we advise parents to administer hayfever medication before coming into school i.e one-a-day tablets. We have made this decision due to there being serious, life-risking medical conditions that require medication on a long-term basis.

## INSET Days for 2024/25

Please note the final INSET day will be on Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2024.

INSET Days for next academic year.

Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> September 2024

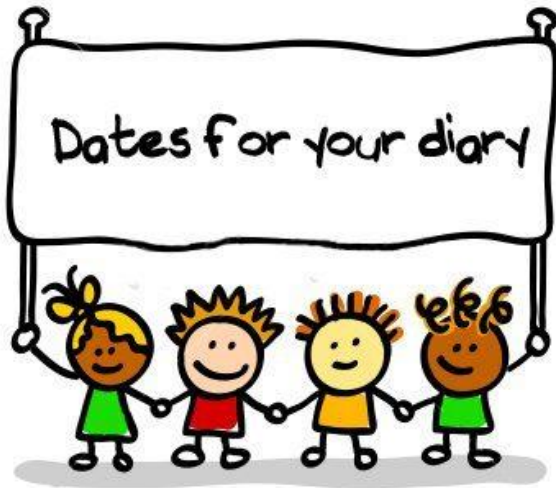
Monday 4<sup>th</sup> November 2024

Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> May 2025

Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2025

Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> June

## Diary Dates



### **MAY 2024**

Thurs 2 <sup>nd</sup>	INSET Day
Mon 6 <sup>th</sup>	May Day Bank Holiday
8 <sup>th</sup>	Year 2 Trent Arboretum Trip
9 <sup>th</sup>	Class and Yr6 leavers photos
12-16 <sup>th</sup>	Year 6 SATs week
20th – 24 <sup>th</sup>	Travel Smart Week
Tues 21 <sup>st</sup>	Magna Trip (Year 3)
Tues 21 <sup>st</sup>	Parish Council AGM
Fri 24 <sup>th</sup>	Last day of half term

### **JUNE 2024**

Mon 3 <sup>rd</sup>	INSET Day
Tues 4 <sup>th</sup>	Children return to school
Fri 7 <sup>th</sup>	TT Rockstars day
Fri 14 <sup>th</sup>	Year 5 Cromford Trip
Tues 18 <sup>th</sup>	EYFS / KS1 Sports day
Thurs 20 <sup>th</sup>	KS2 Sports day
Mon 24 <sup>th</sup>	Friesland Year 6 Transition
Tues 25 <sup>th</sup>	Friesland Year 6 Transition
26 <sup>th</sup> – 28 <sup>th</sup>	Year 6 Whitehall Trip