

## January 2025 Newsletter

Happy  
New  
Year

Happy New Year everyone, hopefully you had a relaxing Christmas break. As we start the new year, we continue to embrace our vision and

values. "Our vision is to empower everyone to be brilliant every day, releasing their inner superhero so that they can flourish and thrive".



Our values are shown above and the school rules, Ready, Respectful and Safe continue to drive many areas within school.

As part of our drive for respect we have put together a Code of Conduct for parents and carers, which we will share with you soon. There have been a number of incidents over the last year directed towards our staff, other parents, pupils and members of the local community. We are all here to provide the best possible care and education for the children and want everyone to behave in an appropriate manner, showing respect at all times.

### Absence Number

The new school absence number is 07340612803. A reminder if your child is unwell and unable to attend school parents/carers should contact the school on the first day of their absence through the school's phone line to report an absence. When parents/carers notify us of their child's absence, it is important that they provide us with details of the reason for their absence.

### School Closures

A reminder in the event of adverse weather conditions, families can find out if the school is closed in the following 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](http://www.firfield.derbyshire.sch.uk)
- Derbyshire County Council Website [www.derbyshire.gov.uk](http://www.derbyshire.gov.uk)

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

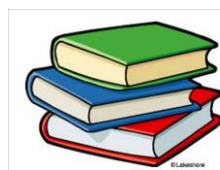
**Please do not telephone the school before 8.30am**

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).

### Parents' Evening

This term's parents' consultation evenings will be held on **Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> February and Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> February from 4.00pm - 7.00pm**. We will send out access to our online booking system towards the end of this month.

### Book Evenings



A book evening for parents will be held on **Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> 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.

## Charity Support

A huge thank you for all the donations given to the school during our Christmas Performances. We raised an amazing £340 for Me and Dee Charity (KS2) and £256 for Rainbows Children Hospice (Early Years and KS1). Well done everyone!

## PTA Christmas Fair

A huge thank you to all the members of the PTA for putting on another fantastic Christmas Fair. It was great to see so many parents, grandparents and children at the event and we raised an amazing profit of £2,951.04!

The PTA are in the process of organising further events for the Spring term, hopefully a disco and Easter Trail.

## Swimming at Firfield

Year 5's last swimming session will be Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> February and Year 3 swimming will commence on Thursday 25<sup>th</sup>. Further details will be sent out shortly.



## New Road Markings

On Friday 10<sup>th</sup> January the Highways Team have added additional road markings to enforce further parking restrictions along Firfield Avenue and on Wilsthorpe Road. We ask parents to respect the road markings and take caution when dropping off/collecting your child to ensure safety of all pupils and adults at the school.

## Crossing Patrol and Relief Catering Assistant Positions

We are still recruiting for our Crossing Patrol on Sawley Road. Please do share with family and friends that there is a vacancy to become Crossing Patrol as the role is very rewarding seeing the children and parents. To apply see the Derbyshire County Council website via

[www.derbyshire.gov.uk/schoolcrossingjobs](http://www.derbyshire.gov.uk/schoolcrossingjobs) or alternatively you can call 01629 536049 or email [school.crossingpatrol@derbyshire.gov.uk](mailto:school.crossingpatrol@derbyshire.gov.uk).



Derbyshire County Council are also recruiting for Relief Catering Assistants to work at Firfield from time to time and across other schools. Again, please do share the vacancy amongst friends and family, the role can be applied for using the below link: <https://www.derbyshire.gov.uk/working-for-us/jobs/catering/catering.aspx>

## **JANUARY 2025**

**Mon 6<sup>th</sup>**      **Return to School**  
**Friday 10<sup>th</sup>** **Young Voices Trip (Glee Club)**  
**Fri 10<sup>th</sup>**      **Curriculum News Out**

## **FEBRUARY 2025**

**Mon 3<sup>rd</sup>**      **Children's Mental Health Week**  
**Wed 5<sup>th</sup>**      **Book Evening for Parents**  
**Mon 10<sup>th</sup>**     **Year 6 WW2 Trip**  
**Tues 11<sup>th</sup>**    **Safer Internet Day**  
**Tues 11<sup>th</sup>**    **Parents' Evening**  
**Tues 11<sup>th</sup>**    **Last Year 5 swimming**  
**Thurs 13<sup>th</sup>**   **Parents' Evening**  
**Fri 14<sup>h</sup>**      **LAST DAY OF TERM**  
**Mon 24<sup>th</sup>**     **Back to school**  
**Tues 25<sup>th</sup>**    **Year 3 swimming starts**