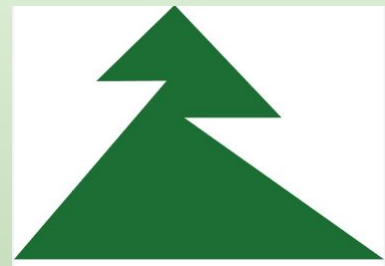


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Firside Newsletter

Friday 17 November 2023

Head Teacher's message

Thank you to everyone who donated to Children in Need today. It has been lovely seeing the children in their spots and Pudsey ears. The children were also very excited that a very special visitor came to see them today! We raised £210 which will go directly to the charity.

It has been an exciting few weeks in school with the launch of Times Tables Rock Stars. What a surprise it was for the children when they turned up to school to find that the staff had become rock stars overnight, all in aid of promoting the launch - we are so thankful that our wonderful staff wanted to go the extra mile to make the launch so exciting and memorable for the children. Already we can see how much some children are enjoying using the programme and we hope that it will have a big impact on times tables knowledge which is so important for further mathematical understanding.

Kindest regards,

Mrs Robinson (Head Teacher), Mr Keer (Deputy Head Teacher) and Mrs Seagrave (Senior Teacher)



If you do not have your child's log in for TTRS, please contact their class teacher.

Dates for your diary

Tues 21 Nov	Flu immunisations (all year groups)	
	Book fair in hall after school	
Sun 3 Dec	Hellesdon Community Carol concert (for selected Year 3 and 4 children)	
Tues 12 Dec	Christmas dinner Year 3 and 4 (booked on Scopay)	
	9:15am Rocksteady performance to parents of those children involved	
Wed 13 Dec	Christmas dinner Year 5 and 6 (booked on Scopay)	
Mon 18 Dec	9:30am Year 3 Christmas performance	1:30pm Year 4 Christmas performance
Tues 19 Dec	9:30am Year 5 Christmas performance	1:30pm Year 6 Christmas performance
Wed 20 Dec	Last day of term - free non-uniform day for all. Optional Christmas jumper day (winner in each year group for the best home designed Christmas jumper)	
Thurs 4 Jan	First day of term for pupils	

Diary dates for the rest of the school year

January 2024						
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August 2024						
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Key: - Schools open to pupils - bank holiday
 - pupil holiday - Inset Day



Fish and nut free

A reminder to all families that we aim to be a fish and nut free school. This is due to severe allergies in some children in our school. Please help us to keep them safe by refraining from including fish or nut products in your child's lunchbox. Nut products might include: whole nuts, nuts in cereal bars, peanut butter and Nutella. Fish products might include, but is not limited to: tuna, salmon, fish paste, fish sticks and prawns. We do not serve fish as a hot dinner or jacket potato filling option.

We ask that all parents follow this guidance as food allergies can be very serious. Thank you.



Friends of Firside raffle

Thank you to everyone who has already bought and returned their raffle tickets.

Please return the stubs and cash in the money bag to the School Office as soon as possible. If you are unable to buy your tickets, please return them to the office so that they can be redistributed.

We do have some spares available if you wish to buy further tickets. Please contact the School Office.



Remembrance

Thank you to everyone who supported us with donations to the Royal British Legion by buying poppies and other items.

The children have been wearing their poppies with pride and we all took a minute on the Friday before Remembrance Sunday to remember and reflect. Well done to all of the children for showing such respect at this time.

We hope you have been able to see all the beautiful poppies decorating the windows around the outside of school. These were created by the children as part of their learning about Remembrance Day.

Lest we forget.



Here, 60 are taking part in the minute silence so respectfully.

Parking on local roads

Please be considerate when parking on local roads especially to residents living there. We have had complaints about people blocking driveways. We have also heard from one resident who, for the second time, has not had their wheelie bin emptied due to somebody moving it so that they can park.

If you do need to drive to school for drop off and collection, please consider parking further away and walking which reduces the amount of parking on the roads closest to school.

Thank you

Trim trail

We have had our annual safety check on the outdoor play equipment this week. Unfortunately, the trim trail requires some repairs and so it will be completely out of use until further notice.

Please ensure that children are not using the trim trail at any time. This includes younger and older siblings. Thank you.

Staff changes

Next week, Miss Bussey, one of our teaching assistants, will be leaving us to pursue a different career. We wish her all the very best in her new job and thank her for all her hard work at Firside during her time with us.

Next week, we will be welcoming Mr Hobbs, who will be splitting his time between teaching at Firside and Kinsale. He will be taking over from Mrs Daintree as she will be leaving at the end of this term to have a baby. We know you will join us in welcoming Mr Hobbs to our Firside community and wishing Mrs Daintree all the best for the birth of her baby.



Games days

Where possible, we do try to get the children outside for their games lessons although, now as the field is wetter, they will be doing more of their lessons on the playground if the field is particularly wet.

If you wish to send in a spare pair of trainers / shoes and fresh socks for after games lessons then please do.

A reminder that all children should have a coat in school, including on Thursdays.

Travelling book fair

Thank you to everyone who came to the first of our two evenings of the Book Fair.

Don't worry if you missed it this week, we will be open again on Tuesday after school in the hall.

Card payments only please.



Uniform for sale

We are now keeping our uniform sale permanently in the School Office where we have a range of second-hand and new uniform for sale.

If you need any pieces, please do pop by the office to see what we have. All items are just £1.

We are always looking for donations of second-hand uniform in good condition. Particularly jumpers, cardigans, ties and PE fleeces. All the money raised from our uniform sales go back into buying things for the school.

We do have a few second-hand coats available too.

Thank you.