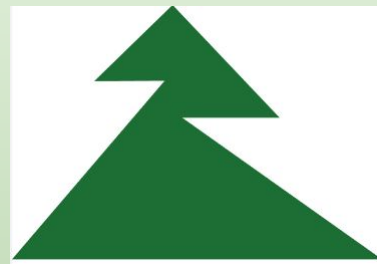


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# Firside Junior School Newsletter

Friday 9 February 2024



# ***Head Teacher's message***

It was wonderful to see the children so engaged with our Number Day last week for NSPCC. The children enjoyed doing various maths challenges including those that Mr Townsend ran at lunchtime in the hall. It was a hive of activity with children using their lunch break to enjoy further maths activities. It was also wonderful to see the children engaging with the Times Tables Rock Stars national challenge for Number Day. Well done to everyone who took part.

We look forward to welcoming parents of Year 3, 4 and 5 next week into school for Parents' Evening meetings. On Monday, your child (Year 3, 4 and 5) will be bringing home their mid-year report which we hope will be a useful starting point for your meetings with the teachers. Year 6 and 4Mc will have their parents evenings later in the term. Please look out for a letter after half term about how to book your appointment. Year 6 will receive their mid-year report just before their meetings.

If you have popped into the office this week you will have spotted a new face behind the desk. This week, we welcomed Mrs Garrod who has joined our staffing team. She will be supporting Mrs Barnes in the office every morning.

Kindest regards,

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

# ***Dates for your diary***

<b>w.c. 12 Feb</b>	Parents' Evening meetings Year 3,4 and 5
<b>Fri 16 Feb</b>	Last day of term
<b>Mon 26 Feb</b>	First day of term
<b>Wed 6 Mar</b>	Mental Health Support Team anxiety presentation and coffee morning (more information in this newsletter)  Mother's Day gift shop (more information in this newsletter)
<b>Thurs 7 Mar</b>	World Book Day (more information in this newsletter) + World Book Day lunch
<b>Mon 11 Mar</b>	Year 6 and 4Mc Parents' Evening appointments bookable on Scopay from 6pm
<b>Fri 15 Mar</b>	Comic Relief - more information coming soon
<b>w.c. 25 Mar</b>	Parents' Evening meetings for Year 6 and 4Mc
<b>Wed 27 Mar</b>	Last day of Spring 2

# Diary dates for the rest of the school year

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



# NSPCC Number Day

Thank you to everyone who supported our NSPCC Number Day last week. You can read more about what we got up to during the day by [clicking here](#).



# ***Parent reps wanted!***

We are looking to see if anyone is interested in being a parent representative for their child's year group. As we know many parents are part of year group Whatsapp groups, we wondered if this might be of support if one representative was able to have direct communication with the school to be able to share reminders / ask questions on behalf of the parents in their child's year group regarding events at school.

At the moment this is just a proposed idea to see if there is enough interest and to see if this would support with ensuring everyone has seen key messages that have come from school.

If you are interested in supporting with this, please email Mrs Seagrave [lseagrave9nrz@nsix.org.uk](mailto:lseagrave9nrz@nsix.org.uk)

# ***Mother's Day shop***

Our Friends of Firside will, once again, be running their Mother's Day gift shop. This will take place on Wednesday 6 March during the school day. Children will be able to visit the shop and select a gift from a range of different items. If you wish your child to take part, you will need to pay on Scopay. Children can buy multiple gifts if desired, for mum, nanny, grandma etc you will simply need to overpay on Scopay. Each gift costs £3.

The payments for Scopay need to be completed by Friday 1 March at 3pm





# ***Friends of Firside need you!***

Our Friends of Firside are always looking for more volunteers and committee members. This does not require a huge amount of time but the more help they have, the more events they can run and ultimately give more money back to the school to support the children.

If you are interested in being able to support, please either contact FOF via their Friends of Firside Facebook page or email them directly at [friendsoffirside2022@hotmail.com](mailto:friendsoffirside2022@hotmail.com)





# World Book Day

On Thursday 7 March, we will be celebrating World Book Day. On this day, we will be celebrating all things books with various book themed activities. Children will also receive their £1 book token which they can spend on buying a book in various shops.

This year, we are not asking the children to come into school in any kind of dress up. Instead, on World Book Day on Thursday 7 March, children may bring in a competition entry of a potato dressed / decorated as a book character. Children can be as creative as they want to be with it. Entries should be brought to the hall on Thursday 7 March. There will be a small prize for the winner in each year group.



There are lots of ideas if you search on Google!

# World Book Day lunch (book on Scopay)



# ***Mental Health Support Team coffee morning***

## **Anxiety:** Helping Your Child With Fears & Worries



**Coffee  
Morning &  
Drop-in**



**With:**



**Date:** 6th of March 2024 **Time:** 8.50<sub>am</sub> - 10<sub>am</sub>

# ***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.



## ***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.