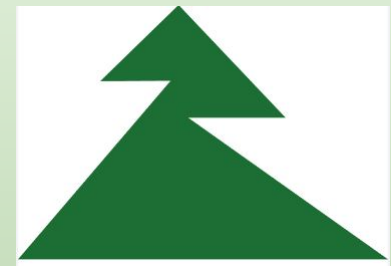


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# Firside Junior School Newsletter

Wednesday 27 March 2024



# *Head Teacher's message*

Dear Parents and Carers,

Today is the end of term and what a very short, but busy term, it has been! The children have had to work extra hard to get in all of the learning for this part of the year. We had our final DREAM Award assembly at the end of last week and it was wonderful to be able to hand out a new award for reading. Well done to those children who received an award.

We would like to thank all of the parents who came for parents evening this week from 4Mc and Year 6. We hope you found the meetings useful.

Today we have said goodbye to Mr Mather who is sadly leaving us to take up a post in another school. We wish him all the best for his new job and thank him for all his hard work at Firside. After Easter, Mrs Lutchmeah and Miss Clarke will be taking over the teaching in 5M. We welcome Miss Clarke to the Firside team. For ease, the class will remain under the name '5M' for the remainder of the year.

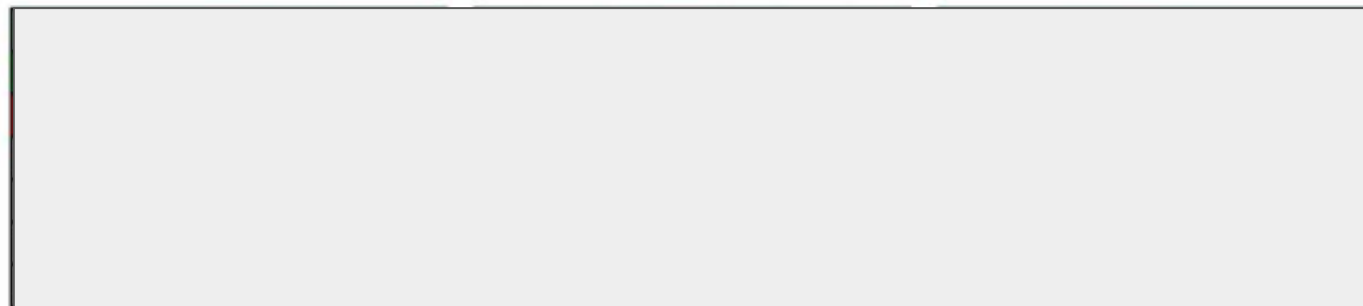
We hope everyone has a restful and happy Easter break and look forward to seeing you all on Monday 15 April.  
Kindest regards,

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

# ***Dates for your diary***

<b>Mon 15 Apr</b>	First day of Summer 1 term
<b>Tues 16 Apr</b>	Year 4 tag rugby sessions - all Y4 in PE kit today
<b>Wed 17 Apr</b>	Class photos - please contact the school office if you <u>do not</u> wish your child to be Included
<b>Fri 19 Apr</b>	Year 5 tag rugby sessions - all Y5 in PE kit today
<b>29+30 Apr</b>	Level 2 Bikeability Year 5 (for those involved)
<b>1 + 2 May</b>	Level 2 Bikeability Year 5 (for those involved)
<b>Mon 6 May</b>	Early May bank holiday - school closed
<b>13 - 16 May</b>	Year 6 SATS week
<b>20 - 22 May</b>	Year 6 residential
<b>Fri 24 May</b>	Last day of Summer 1 term
<b>Mon 3 Jun</b>	First day of Summer 2 term

# Diary dates for the rest of the school year



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

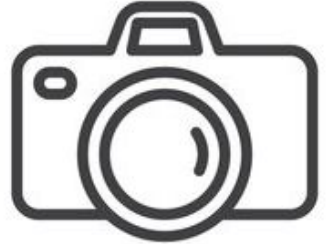


# ***Class photos***

Class photos are coming up after the Easter holidays on **Wednesday 17 April**. Photos will be taken of each class as a whole (not individual child photos). If you **do not** wish for your child to be included in their class photo, please email the school office by Monday 15 April.

All children will need to be in their full school uniform on the day (including ties).

Thank you



# ***Tag-rugby***

Once again this year, we are welcoming North Walsham Rugby Club coaches in to do some fun coaching sessions with each year group. These sessions will take place within the school day. Children should come to school on their tag-rugby day in their PE kit. On their tag-rugby week, children should also wear PE kit on their usual PE / Games lesson days.

The dates for the sessions are:

**Tuesday 16 April Year 4**

**Friday 19 April Year 5**

**Tuesday 4 June Year 3**

**Friday 7 June Year 6**



# ***Swimming next half term and PE days***

Swimming sessions will now move to 4L after Easter. Children in 4L will swim on Mondays and Tuesdays and, if easier for changing, can wear their PE kit on both these days.

4C and 4Mc will have their PE days on Wednesdays.

A reminder of PE kit days for all year groups:

Monday - 3B, 3W, 4L

Tuesday - 3L, 4L, 5M

Wednesday - 4C and 4Mc

Thursday - all year groups

Friday - 5A and 5T

# ***After School Sports Clubs***

We are pleased to welcome back CSF (Community Sports Foundation) next half term who will be running some fun sports clubs for the children. If you wish your child to take part, please use the following links to secure your child's place. These clubs will start back in the first week of next half term.

[Tuesday Hockey:](#)

[Wednesday Cricket:](#)

[Thursday Football:](#)

We will also be having our usual tennis club back on Fridays.

[Friday Tennis](#)



## ***Accelerated Reading at home***

Don't forget that your children can quiz at home on their Accelerated Reader books [using this link.](#)

You can also find out if one of their home reading books is quizzable on AR by using the [AR bookfinder website](#). If it is listed as a book then they can quiz on it.

# ***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.