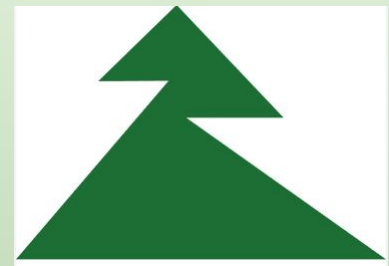


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Firside Junior School Newsletter

Friday 1 March 2024



Head Teacher's message

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to the second half the Spring term. This is an incredibly short term as we are at the end of the first week and only have three and a half weeks left! That means we have got lots of learning to pack into such a short period of time.

This term we have welcomed some new members of staff to our team. Miss Li joins us as a teaching assistant in Year 5 and Miss Gains has joined us as an Midday Supervisor. This week we are sadly saying goodbye to Mrs Zawaluk who is moving on to a post in another school. We thank her for all her hard work as a Midday Supervisor, in the School Office and in After School Club. We will miss her so much and wish her every success in her new post.

This term, we have got some exciting events coming up with World Book Day and Comic Relief. There is more information about these two events in this newsletter.

Kindest regards,

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

Dates for your diary

4 - 6 Mar	Level 1 Bikeability for selected Year 5 pupils
Wed 6 Mar	Mental Health Support Team anxiety presentation and coffee morning (more information below) Mother's Day gift shop (booked places only)
Thurs 7 Mar	World Book Day (more information below) + World Book Day lunch
7 & 8 Mar	Level 2 Bikeability for selected Year 5 pupils
Mon 11 Mar	Year 6 and 4Mc Parents' Evening appointments bookable on Scopay from 6pm
Fri 15 Mar	Comic Relief - more information below
20 & 21 Mar	Level 2 Bikeability for selected Year 5 pupils
w.c. 25 Mar	Parents' Evening meetings for Year 6 and 4Mc
25 & 26 Mar	Level 2 Bikeability for selected Year 5 pupils
Wed 27 Mar	Last day of Spring 2

Diary dates for the rest of the school year

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



Easter egg donations

After their hugely successful shoebox appeal, Sienna and Tilly have asked us to share that they have decided to do something again to help those less fortunate. They will be collecting Easter eggs to donate to charities including Leeway, Dawn's New Horizons and other local charities and support networks.

We will once again be supporting their work by having a collection box in the School Office for anyone who wishes to donate any Easter eggs (any size).

If you wish to donate any eggs, please drop them at the office by Friday 15 March.

Thank you



Hair cut for Little Princess Trust

One of our pupils, Logan, has been growing his hair since he was 6 years old and always said he would have it cut on his tenth birthday. That birthday is coming up soon and he has decided that he wants to help those less fortunate by donating his hair to the Little Princess Trust.

He is hoping to raise £500 for doing so and we would love to help him reach that target.

If you wish to help him, you can donate using his [Go Fund Me page](#).

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!

Comic Relief Friday 16 March



The School Council met this week to discuss fundraising for Comic Relief this year. On Friday 16 March, they have decided that we will have a 'Topsy Turvy' non-uniform day. This means that children can, for example, wear their non-uniform inside out or back to front, come dressed as someone else, wear odd socks, wear odd shoes, wear pyjamas, have topsy turvy hair etc. The children can be creative. We are asking for a cash donation of 50p for wearing topsy-turvy non-uniform to be brought in on the day.

On Thursday 15 the School Council have also arranged for an optional penalty shoot out. Children can bring in 20p to have three penalty shots at some guest goalkeepers. So far, the guest goalkeepers include Mr Adams, Mr Townsend, Mr Strouger and Mr Laskey. Due to time constraints, children will only be able to have one set of three shots so should only bring in one extra 20p if they want to take part in this.



PENALTY SHOOT OUT

for **RED NOSE DAY**
Thursday 14 March 2024

**20p for three shots against
some *special* guest
goalkeepers.**

**Bring 20p on the day
(There will only be time for one set of
three shots per child so only bring one
20p!)**



TOPSY TURVY DAY

for Red Nose Day.

Friday 15 March 2024

**We are having a special kind of non-
uniform day.**

You could:

- wear your clothes inside out
- wear your clothes back to front
- come dressed as someone else
- have 'topsy turvy' hair
- wear your pyjamas to school
- wear odd socks / odd shoes

BE CREATIVE!

Please bring 50p cash on the day

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_{am} - 10_{am}

World Book Day lunch (book on Scopay)

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World Book Day

Thursday 7th March 2024

Homemade 'Superhero' Sausage Roll
or Vegetarian 'Superhero' Sausage Roll (v)
Inspired by 'Greg the Sausage Roll; Lunchbox Superhero'
by Mark and Roxanne Hoyle

served with 'Thank You' Baked Potato Wedges
Inspired by 'Thank You, Baked Potato' by Matt Lucas

Daisy's Garden Peas
Inspired by 'Daisy: Eat Your Peas' by Kes Gray

'Mmmm, Tasty' Ketchup
Inspired by 'Ketchup on your Cornflakes?' by Nick Sharratt

Miss Trunchball's Chocolate Fudge Cake
Inspired by 'Matilda' by Roald Dahl



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CATERING

World Book Day

Thursday 7th March 2024

Allergen Aware Menu

Homemade Pork Meatball 'Superhero' Sub
Or 'Superhero' Plant Sausages in a Roll (Ve)
Inspired by 'Greg the Sausage Roll; Lunchbox Superhero'
by Mark and Roxanne Hoyle

served with 'Thank You' Baked Potato Wedges
Inspired by 'Thank You, Baked Potato' by Matt Lucas

Daisy's Garden Peas
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'Mmmm, Tasty' Ketchup
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Miss Trunchball's Iced Chocolate Cupcake
Inspired by 'Matilda' by Roald Dahl



NON-DAIRY | NON-EGG | NON-GLUTEN | NON-SOYA | NON-MUTR | NON-PEANUTS | NON-SESAME SEEDS | NON-FISH
NON-CELERY | NON-MUSTARD | NON-LUPIN | NON-CRUSTACEANS | NON-SULPHUR DIOXIDE | NON-MOLLUSCS

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.