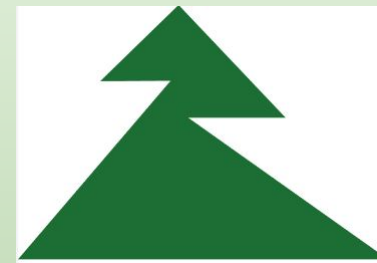


*Become the best that you can be: for
learning, for life, for future success.*



Firside Junior School Newsletter

Friday 28 June 2024



A message from the Leadership team

Dear Parents and Carers,

The children have been working very hard over the last few weeks, busily completing their end of year assessments and finishing their final topics in subjects across the curriculum. It has been wonderful to see some better weather recently but it has meant that we have had a few hot days. Please remember that children should bring a named water bottle every day to be able to refill. They should also have a hat and be wearing sun cream (they can bring more to reapply during the day but they do need to do this themselves).

The teachers are currently writing end of year reports for the children. These will come out at the in a few weeks. We will be sending home one paper copy of the report with each child. If you are a co-parenting family and wish for a second copy, please contact the School Office and we will arrange for it to be emailed to you.

This year, our transition days will take place on Wednesday 10, Thursday 11 and Friday 12 July. On these days, Year 6 children moving up to Hellesdon High will go on their transition days and we will welcome Year 2 children from their infant schools. On the transition days, all children will spend the three days in their new classrooms getting to know their new teacher and class.

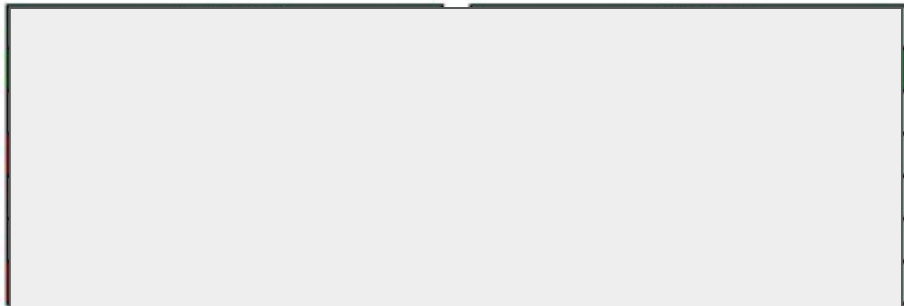
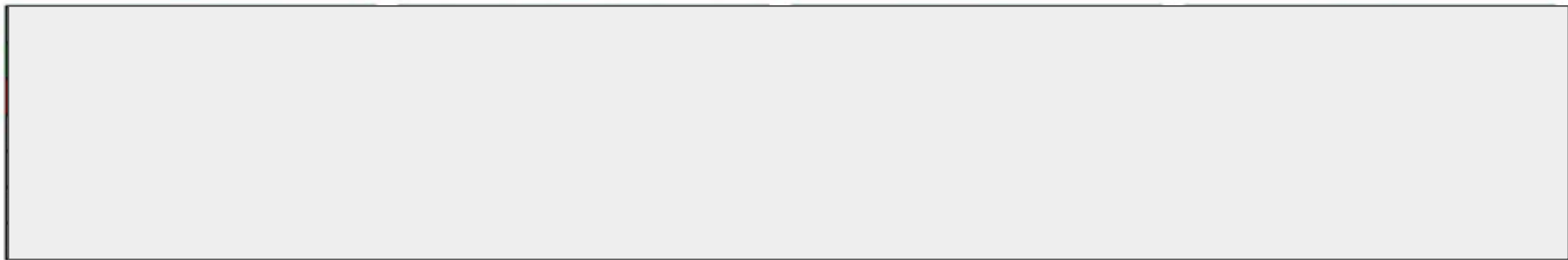
Kindest regards,

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

Dates for your diary

- Mon 8 July** End of year reports out to parents
- Tues 9 July** Year 3 Whitlingham trip
- 10-12 July** Transition days for all year groups (Year 6 transition days to HHS)
- Tues 16 July** Sports day events Year 3 (9:15-10:45 am) and Year 4 (11am - 12:30 pm)
Year 6 Leavers event for parents 1:45pm (see separate letter emailed out)
Year 6 Leavers Disco 4:30 - 6:30 pm
- Wed 17 July** Sports day events Year 5 (9:15 - 10:45 am) and Year 6 (11am - 12:30 pm)
- Fri 19 July** Last day of term - free non school uniform day

Diary dates for the rest of the school year



July 2024						
M	T	W	T	F	S	S
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	31				

August 2024						
M	T	W	T	F	S	S
			1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	31	

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



Staff changes for September

At the end of this term, we are saying goodbye to some well-loved staff members. Mrs McCash, Mrs Heyhoe, Mrs Hopkins, Mrs Sprot, Mrs Norman, Mrs Hartell, Miss Cooper and Miss Brady will sadly be leaving us. Amongst our leaving staff, some are retiring, some looking to spend more time with their families and some moving on to other opportunities in their careers. We are so sad to see them go and thank them for all their hard work and dedication to the pupils of Firside, but wish them all the very best for the future.

As we always do with leaving staff, we will be sharing a special thank you to them in a newsletter at the end of term but we just wanted to inform you about the changes for September.

We have recruited a new teacher for September and are currently in the process of recruiting replacement support staff - we will let you know about them soon.

Sports Days

Tues 16 July Sports day events Year 3 (9:15-10:45am) and Year 4 (11am - 12:30pm)

Wed 17 July Sports day events Year 5 (9:15 - 10:45am) and Year 6 (11am - 12:30pm)

Our annual sports days will be held on the above dates. Children should wear PE kit on their Sports Day (also on the Thursday that week for Games) but do not need to wear the PE kit any other day that week (unless they are Year 6 swimmers).

For the Year 3 and Year 5 Sports Days (9:15 - 10:45 am), parents are welcome to wait on the playground after drop off while the children go in to be registered. At the end of the events, the exit will be via the front gates on Middletons Lane.

For the Year 4 and 6 Sports Days (11am - 12:30 pm), access will be via the Middletons Lane gates. Please wait by the green gates near the bike sheds. The gates will be opened once our break time has finished.

If you are doing back-to-back Sports Days on the same day, we will ask you to wait at the front of the school whilst break time takes place. Thank you.

School books

As we near the end of term, we will be asking for all library books to be returned to school.

Please have a look at home for any books that you have at home and get your child to return them to the library.

Thank you.



Earrings

Please can parents ensure that children are only wearing stud style earrings. We do not allow hooped earrings (even small ones) due to health and safety reasons.

Our uniform policy states that although children should not wear jewellery, there are some exceptions which includes:

One pair of plain, small stud earrings in pierced ears

We would appreciate parental support with this. Thank you

Uniform reminder

Now we are into the summer term, children are welcome to wear summer uniform (summer dresses and shorts).

This term, children do not need to wear their ties.

A reminder that PE kit should include black shorts / jogging bottoms, a **white** logo PE tshirt or plain **white** polo shirt and a black jumper / hooded top or logo fleece. We are having a number of children turning up to school in non-school colours for PE. A full uniform list is available [on our website.](#)

We know that lots of the girls prefer to wear cycling shorts for PE but please can we ask parents to ensure that cycling shorts are not too short.

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.