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Firside Junior School Newsletter

Friday 14 November 2025



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A message from the Leadership Team

Welcome to our first newsletter for this half term. It is wonderful to welcome you back to what promises to be an incredibly busy and exciting second half of the autumn term! We have so much planned between now and the Christmas holidays, including a variety of enriching school trips, competitive sporting events, wonderful Christmas events, discos, and, of course, our eagerly anticipated Year 3 and 4 performances. Get ready for a busy term!

We want to say a huge thank you to every single child and staff member for making our Run Firside event such a spectacular success. It was truly a great community event where everyone came together—running, having fun, and cheering each other on. The energy and mutual support on the day were fantastic and made us incredibly proud of our whole school community. Following the success of Run Firside, we now ask that you please send in your sponsorship forms and collected money. These should be handed in to the school office by **Wednesday 19 November at 9am**. Please ensure the money and forms are clearly marked with: child's name, child's class, total amount raised. Once all the money has been collected, the Community Sports Foundation (CSF) will be visiting the school to lead a special assembly. During this assembly, we will announce the final total and prizes will be awarded.

Over the last two weeks the children have been focusing on Remembrance Day. All year groups have been learning this week about the importance of why we remember and reflecting on the sacrifices made. On the day itself, the whole school observed a moment of reflection to respectfully mark the occasion. A big thank you to everyone who bought poppies and other items to support the vital work of the Royal British Legion. Your support is greatly appreciated.

On Friday 21 November, we have a non-uniform day for our Friends of Firside rainbow hamper raffle. Payment for the non-uniform day is a contribution of a gift (more information can be found in this newsletter).

Have a lovely weekend.

Mrs Robinson (Executive Head Teacher)

Mr O'Malley (Head of School)

Mrs Seagrave (Assistant Head of School)

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Dates for your diary

Fri 21 Nov FOF Xmas hamper non uniform - more info below

Thurs 27 Nov School discos Y3/4 4:30-5:45pm

Y5/6 6pm-7:15pm

Fri 5 Dec Year 4 Castle Museum trip

Sun 7 Dec HHS carol concert

Tues 9 Dec Rock Steady Christmas concert 9:15am

Wed 10 Dec Y5/6 Christmas lunch day

Christmas songs around the tree and Hot chocolate Wednesday

Thurs 11 Dec Y3/4 Christmas lunch day

Mon 15 Dec Y3/4 Dress rehearsals

Tues 16 Dec Y3 Christmas performance 9:30am

Y4 Christmas performance 1:30pm

Wed 17 Dec Y4 Christmas performance 9:30am

Y3 Christmas performance 1:30pm

Fri 19 Dec Last day of term

Free non-uniform day - Xmas jumpers optional

Tues 6 Jan First day of new term

FOF hot chocolate on Wednesdays after school every week

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Friends of Firside Christmas hampers

Friends of Firside are already preparing for their popular Christmas hamper raffle. This is always a great fundraiser for FOF and we appreciate all of their support with this.

On **Friday 21 November**, children are welcome to come to school in non-uniform. Their payment for this should be an item for the Christmas hampers.

This year, they would like to do a rainbow hamper, therefore the children in each year group should bring an item for the hampers in their year group colour (see below). Items for the hampers could include: smellies, candles, chocolates, biscuits, Christmas snacks and any other suitable gift.

Year 3: red or orange gifts

Year 4: yellow or green gifts

Year 5: green or blue gifts

Year 6: purple or pink gifts



Raffle tickets have now come home with the children - please support by buying as many as you can!

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Bikes and scooter

Of course, we always want to encourage riding to school, however, we have had a few near misses over the last few days with children almost being hit by children and parents on scooters and bikes on the school grounds. All scooters and bikes should be dismounted once you enter the school site. This applies to children and parents. Thank you.



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Hot chocolate Wednesdays



Friends of Firside
**HOT CHOCOLATE
WEDNESDAY**

Every Wednesday!
From 3:15 at the lower quad
cookery room!

£1 Hot Chocolate

£1.50 Special Hot Chocolate
with marshmallows and
cream

Cash only!



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Songs around the tree

On Wednesday 10 December, our DREAM chorus choir and Friends of Firside invite you to 'Songs around the tree'.

Our choir will perform Christmas songs and carols and lead us all in some sing-a-longs whilst the Friends of Firside do their usual 'Hot chocolate Wednesdays'.

All families are welcome to come and have a hot chocolate and enjoy listening to the choir sing.

This will be held in the lower quad from 3:20pm.

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WE WARMLY INVITE YOU TO JOIN US FOR

SONGS AROUND THE TREE

Wednesday 10th December

Inside the **3:20pm-4pm**
Lower Quad

Friends of Firside
Hot Chocolate WEDNESDAY

ENJOY A FESTIVE PERFORMANCE BY OUR CHOIR
AND JOIN US FOR A CHRISTMAS SING-A-LONG.
ALL WELCOME

PE / Games lessons

PE timetable week commencing 10th November

	PE	Games	Swimming
Monday	3MD	Year 5	5A
Tuesday	3B, 3L, 6P and 6B		
Wednesday		Year 3, 4 and 6	
Thursday	4T, 4RL		5A
Friday	4L, 5W, 5T, 6C		

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Performances

As we did last year, we are excited to offer more of a variety of performance opportunities throughout the year rather than only at Christmas. As we did last year, only Year 3 and 4 will be performing a play at Christmas. Year 5 will be performing at the end of the Spring term, and Year 6 will be focusing on their performance at the end of the Summer term. This is to allow increased rehearsal space for all year groups and provide exposure to alternative genres of performance as part of our music curriculum.

We look forward to welcoming Year 3 and 4 parents, carers and families to our Christmas performances at the end of the autumn term. This year we are excited to be holding two performances for each of the Year 3 and 4 shows. This is not only to provide the opportunity for our pupils to perform to an audience more than once, but also to offer more opportunities for families to attend their children's performances.

Year 3 Performances will be held:

Tuesday 16th December 9:30am

Wednesday 17th December 1:30pm

Year 4 Performances will be held:

Tuesday 16th December 1:30pm

Wednesday 17th December 9:30pm

We will be sending out information closer to the time to parents of Year 3 and 4 regarding timings for the Christmas performances and how to book your space in the audience for one of the performances.

We will keep parents of Year 5 and 6 informed later in the year regarding dates for their performances.

We look forward to you celebrating our pupils' performances throughout the year with us.

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Name Labels

Named items of clothing are always far more likely to be able to be reunited with their owners. When items are clearly labelled, it makes it so much easier for us to make sure children have all their belongings!

If you buy name labels, please consider using [My Nametags](#) using our school ID: 67290

If you purchase through their website (using our school ID) 24% of your total purchase will go back to the Friends of Firside. This is another way that we can support FOF with their fundraising efforts!

Thank you

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NO MORE LOST ITEMS!

Our nametags are perfect to label all of your child's possessions. From clothing to shoes, stationery, toys - everything is identified!



4.8/5 ON TRUSTPILOT

 STICKERS STAY ON IN THE WASH!

 NO SEWING REQUIRED

 QUEEN'S AWARD WINNER

 UK MARKET LEADER FOR 20 YEARS



School ID: 67290

Uniform reminders

Thank you to everyone for looking so smart on their return to school. A reminder that we do expect the children to be wearing their school ties now. Summer dresses and shorts can be worn until October half term.

A reminder that PE kit should include black shorts / jogging bottoms, a **white** logo PE polo top or plain **white** polo shirt (old style logo t-shirts are also allowed) and a black jumper / hooded top or green / black logo fleece. A full uniform and kit 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 cover thighs.

Please be aware that games lessons are usually outside unless particularly wet. We recommend jogging bottoms and fleeces / hoodies on this day. A spare pair of socks is also useful.

As always, with 350 identical, or very similar items of clothing, it is vital that all items of clothing are named clearly.

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We are nut free

A reminder to all families that we aim to be a 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 nut products in your child's lunchbox or snack. Nut products might include: whole nuts, nuts in cereal bars, peanut butter and Nutella.

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



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Second-hand uniform shop

We have a 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 and shoes available too.

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Contacting teachers

If you need to speak with your child's teacher about anything, please do get in touch. Our first open classroom event is coming up soon where you will be able to find out about how your child has settled in the first few weeks. If you need to speak with your child's teacher before this date then you can leave a message with the the school office or email office@firside.norfolk.sch.uk and we can pass these on to the relevant teacher. Often teachers will be able to have a quick chat on the playground however please be aware that in the mornings especially, the teachers are busy preparing for lessons.

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Useful extras...

Make sure you follow us on Facebook. We'll be sharing regular updates about what we get up to in school on there. If your child has full photo consent they might feature on our page! You can find our page by [clicking here](#) - make sure you like and follow us!

The Friends of Facebook (FOF) also have a page where they post about their fundraising efforts. You can find their group by [clicking here](#).

There is also a parent group on Facebook which you might find helpful for asking questions. You can find the group by [clicking here](#).

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