



Fir Tree Newsletter

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Dear Parents,

Term 3 seems to have reached the end, not quite sure where the time has gone! The children have worked incredibly hard this term and we have ended the week with lots of excitement and enrichment at Fir Tree.

Our NSPCC day was received really well in school and it was great to see many parents attend the Online Safety Session on Thursday morning. We have sent home helpful literature to support you with ensuring your children are safe when using technology, particularly when gaming and when using social media.

The children were given a great toolkit to use which echoes the messages given in school about bullying and they have all discussed at length what constitutes bullying. This linked in particularly well with our recent homework project (please see further down in the newsletter about this). We will continue to work with the children on kindness and behaviour and as always are grateful for your support with this.

After half term you will begin to see new signage to enhance the outside areas and promote play at break times and we have also purchased many new outdoor games and equipment which will be shared with the children when they return from their break.

Miss Hayter has been working hard to train many peer mentors/playground leaders this term too and Trinity will be supporting us to decorate 'Buddy Benches.' I really feel that pupils will feel more listened to and catered for during break and lunchtimes.

Fir Tree continues on its positive journey and I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your support. I wish you all a wonderful half term break and look forward to seeing you all on the 25th February.

Lindsay Wood
Headteacher



SHARE AND LEARN AT FIR TREE

This week we had our first 'Share and Learn Day' at Fir Tree and what a success it was too! The day started with an assembly and then the children departed in their houses and worked with pupils from other years. We focused on recycling and the importance of this. The children were then tasked with making clothes out of recycled materials – and how creative they were too! We ended the day with a 'Fir Tree' fashion show where both pupils and staff modelled their creations!! Thank you to so many of you for your contributions of recycled items. A wonderful and memorable day of collaboration! (More photos on the website).



Diary Dates

26th February – 5th March 2019
Travelling Book Fair

28th February
Buddy's Big Workout

Tuesday 5th March
PTA Meeting – 3:15pm

Thursday 7th March
World Book Day

Monday 11th March
Royal Albert Hall Trip

Monday 11th March/Wednesday 13th March 2019
Parents Evenings

Thursday 14th March
Year 4 Class Assembly

Friday 15th March
Comic Relief – Wear red to school day

Wednesday 27th March
Year 1 Class Assembly

Wednesday 24th April 2019
Year 2 and Year 6
SATs Information Evening
(More details to follow)

Wednesday 1st May 2019
Year 1 Phonics Evening
(More details to follow)

Teacher Training Days

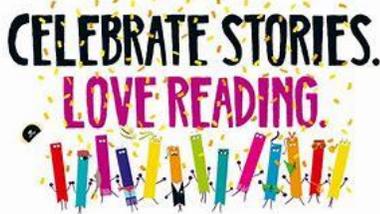
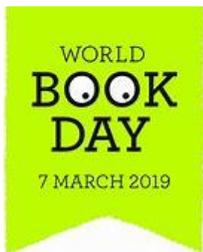
Thursday 4th April 2019 – pupils finish at 12pm (Training for staff in the afternoon)

Friday 5th April 2019

Friday 28th June 2019



Last night was our first PTA film night and what a fantastic event it was too. We had 100 pupils attend and they were impeccably behaved and enjoyed Hotel Transylvania 3. Thank you so much to the PTA who organized and helped to supervise the evening and to Mr Osmond for organizing the ice creams. We raised a brilliant £160 for the pupils of Fir Tree. The PTA are already planning their next event: an Easter Egg Hunt. Our next meeting is at 3:15pm on Tuesday 5th March – we have moved it earlier to enable more people to attend and would love to see you there!



This week we sent home a letter to inform you about World Book Day. Mrs Purcell has organized a Travelling Book Fair to come to Fir Tree the week before World Book Day and accompanying the letter sent home was a book token for every pupil. I am looking forward to seeing the costumes on the day as well as all the great activities and competitions planned. We would like to set another competition and create a display in school: **Shelfies!!!** We would like pupils and staff to take photos of their book shelf or shelves with themselves reading in front/by them. We will then create a photo montage to act as a display and talking point in school. We will vote for the neatest/most creative/the tidiest etc and give prizes for the best. Please email your photos to the school office or drop in copies to myself.

As many of you know Mrs Pearse took over as SENDco this academic year. Mrs Pearse is also the Teacher in Charge of the AS Resource and works tirelessly to support the special needs of pupils at Fir Tree and to support parents wherever she can too. If you would like to meet with Mrs Pearse regarding your child or need her help to support the needs of your child or to work with external agencies she will be available for appointments on Wednesday mornings. These can be booked via the school office. Mrs Pearse is always happy to help and will always answer emails with 48 hours of receipt too.



Congratulations

The First ever Head Teachers Tea Party took place this afternoon and how lovely it was too. Nominees this term were:

- Reception:** Lucy, Connie & Eva
- Year 1:** Mohammed, Shrivani & Jennifer
- Year 2:** Jessica, Gregory & Millie
- Year 3:** Bruno, Khensani & Millie
- Year 4:** Tanyalak, Maisie F & Kirsten
- Year 5:** Paige Marie, Inaaya & Mihaela
- Year 6:** Harley, Isabel & Joey



Huge congratulations to them for all their hard work and efforts! I look forward to seeing lots more other children celebrated for their efforts and hard work being rewarded at my tea party next term!

Competition Winners

This afternoon we announced in assembly the winners of our recent whole school homework project. If you recall, children were asked to create an Anti-Bullying Charter/Poster for the whole school with the winning entry being reproduced in the school hall to support and remind all our pupils. The standard of entries was incredibly high!! Mr Osmond, the School Council and I had a tough decision choosing from the top 10 posters (voted for by each class). Thank you for all your help and support with this project. We struggled to decide on one overall winner, so I am pleased to announce that we have joint winners: Noor (Year 2) and Joey (Year 6) and their posters will be fused together to make a visual display in school – well done girls!

Overall class entry winners were:

- Year 1:** Mohammed
- Year 2:** Noor
- Year 3:** Caiden
- Year 4:** Ethan
- Year 5:** Ellie
- Year 6:** Joey

A huge well done to everyone and to all our winners who received their prizes today. We will be displaying many of them around the school!!!

