



Fir Tree Newsletter

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Welcome!

May I take this opportunity to welcome all of our children, parents and families back to Fir Tree after, what I hope, was an enjoyable and fun-filled summer break.

I would also like to welcome all our new starters to the school, particularly within the Early Years setting where all the children have made a great start to life at Fir Tree and have settled really well. In fact, all of the children have returned to school with the enthusiasm and positive learning behaviours that we expect. I am sure that with the wonderful children we have, the marvellous support we receive from our parents and the dedication of all the staff at the school, we will have a fantastic year together.

I intend to write to you fortnightly initially in this format and keep you up-to-date with happenings in school as well as details of upcoming events (including Parent's Evening) so please do make a note of them. They are listed on the right hand side.

Thank you very much for making me feel welcome this week; here's to a positive and exciting year ahead!!!

If you have any queries please don't hesitate to contact the school office.

Regards,

Lindsay Wood

Headteacher



Are your mornings a bit rushed?.....

.....if so, why not take advantage of our popular Breakfast Club which is available Mon-Fri between 8.00am and 8.50am. For £3 children have the choice of fruit, toast or cereals and a drink. They are then looked after until school starts. There is always plenty to do including various games, crafts, using the computers or just socialising with friends. You can book daily, weekly or termly by contacting the school office or using the booking form available on the school website.

Value of the Month for October is...

R E S P E C T

We are learning at school about the importance of treating others with respect even if we sometimes do not agree with the way they behave or the things they say. In fact respect is one of our new whole-school 'Golden Goals'! We have also been thinking about how we should treat the things that belong to us and to other people **respectfully**.

- Think of some practical ways that you show **respect** to each other in your family.
- Often we show **respect** to someone by the way we speak to them. What does this mean in practice?
- Do you treat one another's possessions with **respect**? What does this mean in practice?



Do keep an eye out on our website, there will be many changes over the next few weeks to keep you informed and up-to-date.

The year has already begun with lots of planning for various trips, themed days and learning experiences for the children as they immerse themselves in the topics and activities planned this year. If you would like to know more about what the children are doing this term, please log on to the school website: www.firtreeschool.co.uk and navigate to the appropriate page on our 'Classes' tab.

Each class page will contain links to 'Our Curriculum' providing further details of the outcomes expected within each year group, as well as some information from their class teacher too.

Diary Dates

Monday 24th September
Individual School Photos

W/C 1st October
STEM Week
(more details to follow separately)

Monday 15th October
Parents Evening 3:30pm – 7pm

Wednesday 17th October
Parents Evening 3:30pm – 7pm

W/C 5th November
Inter Faith Week

W/C 12th November
Anti Bullying Week

Teacher Training Days

Monday 29th October 2018

Wednesday 19th December 2018 –
pupils finish at 12pm (Training for
staff in the afternoon)

Thursday 20th December 2018

Monday 7th January 2019

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

Friday 5th April 2019

Friday 28th June 2019



Next week on our school website you will find an updated and revised behaviour policy for Fir Tree Primary. When you have some time please familiarise yourself with our practice and procedures. If you have any difficulties accessing this online, please do let the School Office know and they can provide you with a hard copy.



Fir Tree's new GOLDEN GOALS



During Assembly today we launched our new Golden Goals to the children. At Fir Tree Primary we would like all children to commit to these goals to have a successful attitude to school and to others. The goals are centered on three key aspects.

Our Golden Goals are:

We are ready to **LEARN**

We are **SAFE**

We **RESPECT** everybody and everything.



You may have noticed this week some changes to the start of the school day. I will always be on the main school gate first thing and in my absence a member of the Senior Leadership Team. I feel it is important to be available for parents and to get to know you and your children. You should know that once your child is through the school gates and they are on the premises they are safe. So in addition to this there will be allocated members of staff every morning on the school playground as well as in the EYFS and Key Stage 1 Areas. When the alarm is signaled we would like the pupils to line up in their designated areas and they will then be sent into their classrooms. Please feel free if you need to get away to leave your children as supervision is in place.



In order to ensure that your child is safe and that we dismiss children safely at the end of the day. Please do let the School Office know if your child is being collected by someone different at the end of the school day so that they can inform the Class Teacher. If you are happy for your child to walk home by themselves or you would like them to walk around to where you may be waiting for a sibling or at the school gate you need to provide us with written permission or an email – I would expect that this would only be Upper KS2 pupils. Class Teachers will then be informed.



I would like to take this opportunity to welcome back Miss Hayter from her Maternity Leave and welcome Miss Burton to the Fir Tree staff.

The Senior Leadership Team this year will be me, Mrs Purcell (Deputy Head), Miss Hayter (Assistant Head) and Mrs Whitford (Assistant Head). Roles and responsibilities are outlined on our school website.

Mrs Pearse will be taking over from Mrs Moore as SENDCo this year and she is very much looking forward to the new role. She will also be part of the Wider Leadership Team along with Mrs Moore.

We say a huge welcome to both Mr Monger and Miss Tucker who will be joining us in Year 1 and Year 3 respectively as Full Time Teaching Assistants.

We are also lucky that Mr Stillman from Trinity will be joining us most mornings to support the delivery of the Maths Curriculum at Fir Tree Primary and will be a great asset to our team.

And finally.....

Congratulations to Mr Osman who became engaged during the Summer holidays we wish him and his fiancée all the very best going forward and happy wedding planning!!!

