



Fir Tree Newsletter

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2018

Dear Parents,

We are half way through the term now and it has been wonderful to see the pupils and staff alike working very hard.

Mrs Wilson and I have been in and out of the classrooms and have been suitably impressed by the learning attitudes of many of the pupils and some excellent work taking place too.

Thank you to those parents that have made the effort to get to school on time since our last newsletter, it is noticeable and it is great to see the morning starting more efficiently.

I have spoken to the children in assembly today about using the path when they come into school and not cutting across the grass, please could you support me enforcing this, particularly as the weather is on the change.

I hope that you found the parent handbook helpful. I have received lots of positive comments whilst on the gate in the morning.

Thank you as always for your support.

Regards,
Lindsay Wood
Headteacher



Thank you very much for the kind donations that we have already received for the Food Bank. It has been wonderful to see the children embrace what harvest is all about. We will be collecting goods until Wednesday 10th October 2018 if you would like to contribute.



Parents and carers drive onto or near the school site at times and we would ask that extra vigilance and care is taken. Precaution always needs to be employed when there could be children around.

ALSO ...

Please park considerately and think about our local residents, not blocking drives or access into the school. We are very fortunate at Fir Tree to have a Lollipop Lady and one that is so dedicated too, ensuring our children cross safely!

Thank you for your support with this



Pupil Safety

As the dark nights draw in please ensure that you have spoken to your child about stranger danger and road safety as well as ensuring they always walk home with an adult or friend. Remember please do inform the Office if your child has permission to walk home, this also applies to clubs too.

Value of the Month for October is...

COURTESY

We are learning at school about the importance of manners and gratitude. We have discussed how we can show courtesy at school; at home and whilst out and about. Perhaps discuss the following with your child:

- How do we show **courtesy** to those that help us at home and at school?
- How do others feel when they are shown **courtesy**?
- Why are manners and gratitude so important in life?

Diary Dates

Tuesday 9th October 2, 2018
FSSW Coffee Morning 9 – 10am

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

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

W/C 5th November
Inter Faith Week

Thursday 8th November
Calculations Evening 6pm

W/C 12th November
Anti Bullying Week

Tuesday 13th November
EYFs Phonics Morning

Wednesday 14th November
Year 1 & 2 Phonics Morning

Wednesday 21st November
Worldbeat Competition

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

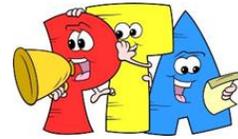
Thursday 4th April 2019 – pupils finish at 12pm (Training for staff in the afternoon)

Friday 5th April 2019

Friday 28th June 2019



This week at Fir Tree all the children have embraced STEM week. The premise was to merge Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths. Mr Osmond, our STEM Lead, set the children the task of building a class bridge using drinking straws to support the weight of a tin can (KS2 challenge) or a teddy bear (KS1 Challenge). Well we certainly have some future engineers amongst us because the children embraced their learning and the challenge and designed some very imaginative bridges. Collaborative learning as well as enjoyment was in abundance and shows just why weeks like these inspire children! We ended the week with a whole school celebration sharing our work and testing the class bridges – I can tell you it was tense!! I will let the children tell you who won! Well done to all the children for all their hard work and thank you to staff for the efforts to make the week a success and in particular Mr Osmond. More information and photos will be on our school website from next week, but here are a few for now.



Thank you very much to those parents that have expressed an interest in re-establishing the Fir Tree PTA. It would be lovely to get together for an initial meeting and I am proposing 6pm on Tuesday 16th October – do please let the office know if you can attend. It will be great to get up and running and discuss some future fundraising for the children.



Keep an eye out for the Calculations Evening letter that will be coming home with your child next week. I have added the date into the diary overleaf.

There will also be a letter inviting EYFS on (Tuesday 13th November) and Year 1 and Year 2 pupils on (Wednesday 14th November) to a phonics morning next term. This will be to help you understand how and why we teach phonics and how you can further support your children at home.

EXCITING NEWS!

Another date to add to the school diary is Wednesday 21st November – the Eurovision Song Contest is coming to Fir Tree Primary!!!! We will be holding our first **WORLDBEAT** competition – each class will represent their country and perform a song in the language native to who they represent to the rest of the school and a panel of judges!!!

*****More details to follow after half term*****

Message from our Family Support Worker

Hi, my name is Tania Slater and I am your new Family School Support Worker.

My role is to support your child/children with any emotional difficulties and work can include ELSA, Anger Management, Confidence, Self Esteem & Social skills and support you as parents with any strategies/advice that you need.

I would really like to meet you all, so I am holding a free coffee morning on Tuesday 9th October 9-10am with lots of tea, coffee and biscuits so please come and join me in the annexe to say hello!

I look forward to seeing you on Tuesday

Tania

