

FIRSIDE JUNIOR SCHOOL

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Dear Parent,

Welcome back – and a very warm welcome to all those parents whose children join us for the first time. The term has started really well and the children all seem to have settled well into their new classes (and school for the Year 3). The teachers have been busy, as you would expect, planning work to excite, challenge and hopefully inspire the children over the coming months. The main purpose of this first newsletter, therefore, is for us to tell you about those plans and to give you some important dates for the term ahead.

We all look forward to an exciting and rewarding term.

YEAR 6 NEWSLETTER

LEARNING JOURNAL

As you will see, the format of the Home/School book has changed and is now known as the Learning Journal. It acts as a diary, reading record, parent/teacher communication book and review of the week. Please check and update this daily, especially your child's reading. Reading is a vitally important part of every child's learning both at school and at home.

KINGSWOOD

Thank you for the prompt response to the Kingswood trip. If you have not returned the deposit the deadline is the 19th September.

PE AND GAMES

As we move into Autumn and the days get a little colder your child will need to have appropriate clothing for Games outside. Unless it is raining heavily every child will go outside for a Games lesson every week. Therefore, they will need track suit trousers, a sweatshirt and trainers for these lessons. There should be no football shirts worn and colours should be appropriate and plain. Could we also remind you to name everything! Finding lost items of clothing is much easier if everybody names all their belongings.

VICTORIANS: Our first key project is looking at life in Victorian Britain. It focuses on what it was like to be a child of that period. A good website that supports this work is:

www.bbc.co.uk/schools/primaryhistory/victorian_britain/

SCIENCE: In science we are starting with habitats and adaptations. We will also be looking at classifying living things and food chains.

A good website that supports this work is: <http://www.bbc.co.uk/schools/ks2bitesize/science/>

EVENTS

On Friday 23rd September, Hellesdon High School pupils will be running a *Science Fair* for our Year 6.

Grassroots will be joining us on Wednesday 28th September for a day of workshops.

Hellesdon High School will be holding the Year 6 *Intake Open Evening* on Thursday 6th October 6 – 9pm.

HOMEWORK

Maths and Literacy homework is set every Friday, to be completed by Wednesday. A minimum requirement will be set for Mathematics (as part of the maths homework). Spelling is set every week and the children will be tested each Friday.

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Autumn Term Diary

September

19 th /20 th /23 rd	Year 5 trip to Holt Hall (small groups)
Monday 26 th	School Photographs (individual) N.B. CHANGE OF DATE
	Year 5 Parents Curriculum Information Event 3.30pm (room 5T)
Wednesday 28 th	'Grassroots Theatre' (whole school assembly & Y6 workshops)
	Year 3 Parents Event 9.30am in classrooms
Thursday 29 th	FOF AGM 3.30pm
	Year 6 Parent's Kingswood & curriculum plans information event 3:30 pm in 6m classroom

October

Thursday 6 th	Year 4 Parents Curriculum Information Event 3.30pm (room 4P)
Tues/Wed 11/12 th	Parents Consultation Meetings 3.30pm-5.30pm
Friday 21 st	Harvest Assembly (with Ian and Sally McBride from the Salvation Army)
Monday 24 th	Half term week
Monday 31 st	School re-opens

November

Tuesday 22 nd	Anti-bullying week - theatre group to visit in school
Wednesday 23 rd	Year 6 Newspaper Day

December

Tuesday 6 th	School Play
Wednesday 7 th	School Play
Thursday 15 th	Christmas school lunch
Friday 16 th	Last day of Autumn term

2011-2012 TERM DATES

Autumn	7 th September to 16 th Dec	Half term	24 th to 28 th Oct
Spring	4 th Jan to 30 th Mar	Half term	13 th to 17 th Feb
Summer	16 th April to 20 th July (Bank holiday 7 th May)	Half term	4 th June to 8 th June

REQUESTS FROM THE OFFICE

School lunch orders: Please try to place orders on a Monday at the office (envelopes available) and make cheques payable to Firside Junior School.

Contacts: please make sure the office has your up to date details in case of emergency - particularly phone numbers and email addresses.

Helping: if you are volunteering your help in school please talk to the office about CRB checks.

Uniform: please ensure that everything is clearly named so we can ensure lost uniform can be returned to the rightful owners.

Photographs: will now take place on Monday 26th September. We must have your photo consent forms returned by Wednesday 14th September please.

Redecoration of Girls Toilets

We would like to extend a huge 'Thank-you' to the Holiday Inn and their 'green-team' for the fantastic job they did over the summer, redecorating some of the girls toilets. Everyone knows how tight resources are in schools and without their help the much needed redecoration would quite simply not have happened.

Conservation Area Clean-up

We are also indebted to Shelley Logan and her team who worked so hard to rejuvenate the conservation area. Over the course of the second week of the holiday they got really stuck into their work, clearing out all the weeds and waste, and getting the area ready for the new term. Another huge 'Thank-you'!