

FIRSIDE JUNIOR SCHOOL

YEAR 5 January Newsletter.

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Dear Parent,

Happy New Year and welcome back!

We hope everyone had a restful holiday. Certainly, the children seem to have returned refreshed, keen and eager to learn. Of course the New Year is a natural time to look ahead and think about what the future holds. Our assemblies (and PSHE lessons) this half-term focus on 'Going for Goals'. We want children to have high aspirations and set goals for themselves – and then help them take steps to reaching them! The London Olympics and Paralympics are a real inspiration for this and in Monday's assembly we watched a short video of Jonnie Peacock who is a truly inspirational Paralympic sprinter. One of our mottos in school is that *every day, every child should achieve something they feel proud of* and we are sure with continuing hard work and support the children will achieve their dreams!

2012 is not only the year in which we celebrate the Jubilee and the Olympics but also the school's 75th anniversary year! We are planning some exciting ways to involve everyone in our celebrations and look forward to telling you about them as the year unfolds.

Year 5 News

Having completed our first full term in Year 5, both Mr Coe and I have been impressed with the enthusiasm with which the children have worked on new subject topics and projects. It has been particularly pleasing that some children have chosen to extend their learning at home and bring this in to show. Most children have enjoyed learning French, in place of Spanish and are using their Learning Journals effectively to record their thoughts about their school week. We are looking forward to a busy and productive spring term.

We are beginning the term with an afternoon focus on History – Roman Invaders. We hope to include a visit to Norwich Museum for a special Roman Day and complete the half term by inviting parents to our very own presentation about the Romans – afternoon of Wednesday 8th February (please put it in your diary).

We will be baking bread rolls over the two remaining terms. Small groups of children will be working in our school kitchen, on a Wednesday afternoon. This will be a practical opportunity to learn about hygiene, micro-organisms as well as observing irreversible changes (lots of science!).

Literacy lessons are focussing on traditional stories, in particular Tales of Robin Hood. Later in the term we will be working on our contribution for a book to celebrate the school's 75th Anniversary.

Just a few reminders:

A pen and pencil are essential equipment to have in school every day. Replacements can be purchased from the office at a very reasonable price.

P.E. tee-shirt and shorts are needed on Wednesday for 5T and Friday for 5C. Games kits, especially in cold weather can include suitable hats and gloves.

Learning Journals must be in school every day and at least four reading sessions recorded each week, please. Please use this book to inform us of anything that may impact on your child's day in school – dentist appointment, lost books, not able to wear school shoes!

Full payment for our residential trip should be made by the end of May. Please let the office know if you have any concerns about payment.

Debra Turner and Jason Coe



Bad Weather and School Closures:

We have had a remarkably mild winter so far but IF the school is ever forced to close we will notify parents via the county website and local radio. Closing the school is always the very last resort and you may safely assume that the school is open unless a message is sent out as set out above.

Diary

January

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| Mon | 9 th | EA Tennis: after school tennis club taster (Yr3&4)..... morning |
| Tues | 10 th | Matt Philpott, Physical Fitness afterschool club (Yr5&6)..... assembly time |
| Wed | 11 th | School Team to take part in Sports Hall Athletics competition - Yr 5& 6 |
| Tues | 17 th | FOF meeting 9:15 (in meeting room) |
| Thurs | 19 th | Group of children take part in Tree Planting at Community Centre p.m. |
| Wed | 25 th | Year 4 - Family Lunch |
| Fri | 27 th | Road Safety workshops with road safety officer |

February

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| Wed | 1 st | Coffee & Chat – Parents forum in Dining Hall 9:00 |
| | " | Year 5 & 6 - Family Lunch |
| Tues | 7 th | Major Murray (Salvation Army) Year 5&6 Assembly |
| Wed | 8 th | Year 5, Roman Day – Parents invited for the afternoon p.m. |
| Thur | 9 th | Major Murray (Salvation Army) Year 3&4 Assembly |
| Mon | 13 th | Half-term week |
| Tue | 21 st | Year 3 – Family Lunch |

Join the library....

Join Up January is a great chance to find out more about what your local library can offer your family.

It's free to join the library and really easy. You can do it online at www.norfolk.gov.uk/libraries or visit your local library and staff will join you up in just a few minutes. If you have ID with you showing your name and address that's great, but even if you don't you can borrow a couple of books!

The library has lots of story books including picture books and easier stories for new readers. There are loads of other things to enjoy, like books on football, music, animation, and 'how things work' as well as books on TV series and films, graphic novels, comics and magazines. There are also children's DVDs and DS and other games to try as well as events and activities for both children and adults.

Friendly staff are on hand to help your child find something that will interest them. Staff can also let you know about books and websites you can use at the library or at home to help with homework.

For more information visit your local library, call 0344 800 8006 or visit www.norfolk.gov.uk/libraries

.....and let the story begin



Parent Support Adviser

Mrs Nada Goodings has now started in her role as Cluster Parent Support Adviser. We are delighted to welcome her and we are sure she will be a real help to everyone. A leaflet is available in school – and is illustrated here -->

Parent Support Adviser (PSA)

Parenting isn't an easy job and at times things can get tough. Like every parent you want what is best for your child.

Parent Support Advisers are here to help families deal with issues, worries or concerns. We may not have all the answers but together we can explore ways forward.




The Benjamin Foundation
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Parent Support Advisers can:

- Support you when you meet with teachers or other professionals
- Help prevent difficult behaviour from becoming more of a problem
- Find Services and other Agencies available to help families
- Help parents understand how and what their children learn
- Aid and encourage good attendance
- Foster positive relationships between home and school
- Meet to talk where you feel most comfortable

Contact your local Parent Support Adviser:



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