

FIRSIDE JUNIOR SCHOOL

Year 3 April 2012 Newsletter

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Dear Parent/Carer

Welcome back, can you believe that it's the final term in year 3? That means we have lots of interesting and challenging things to do this half term. In Literacy, we will be reading and writing adventure and mystery stories. You might like to share some stories with your children - authors like Michael Morpurgo and Enid Blyton are really good examples (we know you will have others). After that we will be studying authors like Anne Fine in more detail.

We will continue to develop our maths skills. We want the children to become confident in all the 4 main operations – add, subtract, multiply and divide. Remember that we have posted some videos on the children's Google docs to support you in these. Measuring at home in litres, kilograms/grams and centimetres/ metres really helps by showing how maths in a real context. Please continue to discuss time (reading clocks and time intervals) as this is always challenging.

In our topic lessons, we begin by learning about Britain since 1930. This will help us as we celebrate Firside's 75th anniversary. The children will love to talk about adults' lives over the last few decades. In Science, we are going to find out about rocks and soils and will link this to our outdoor gardening activities. In ICT, we will be learning how to construct bar charts and use voice recorders to share information.

We have several trips currently being planned for later in the term. We will send you the information as soon as we can.

We look forward to another excellent term,

The year 3 team.

Diary Dates

May

Wednesday	2 nd	Norwegian visitors
Friday	4 th	Flamenco dancer visiting Years 3 & 4
Monday	7 th	May Day Bank Holiday (school closed)
Monday	14 th	Year 6 National Tests week Year 4 Residential visit to Whitwell Hall
Monday	21 st	Year 6 Residential visit to Kingswood
Monday	28 th	75 th Anniversary Celebration Week- with many extra activities

June

Monday	4 th	Half term week
Monday	11 th	School re-opens
Wednesday	20 th	Year 5 Residential visit to Holt Hall
Thursday	21 st	Transition morning (Year 2 children to visit Firside)
Thursday	28 th	Norfolk Show – school closed
Friday	29 th	'Prom on the Pitch' 5.30pm

July

Mon/Tues	9 th /10 th	Year 6 transition days to Hellesdon High School
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[End of Term Friday 20th July]

FROM THE OFFICE

School Lunches

Please try to place orders on a Monday at the office (envelopes available) and make cheques payable to Firside Junior School and not Norfolk County Council.

Contacts

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

Uniform

Please make sure that everything is clearly named so we can ensure lost items can be returned to the rightful owners. Please also continue to check if your child has brought home another child's clothes, footwear etc.

Medicines

If your child requires medicine while at school please note that it must be brought to the school office in its original packaging with the child's name clearly marked and an adult must complete a meds form to enable us to give out the medicine.

Asthma inhalers do not need to be handed in to the office, but are kept with the child. However please make sure that the inhaler is clearly named with permanent marker or a label taped on.

Absences

If your child is unable to attend school it is your responsibility to telephone the office by 9am on the first day of absence stating name, class and reason for absence. If the child cannot attend for several days please ensure that you update the office regularly.

If you are intending to take your child away during term time please remember that you should obtain permission before making a booking using the form available from the school office. There is no entitlement to time off school as there are already 13 weeks of school holidays each year and permission will only be granted in certain circumstances.