

# FIRSIDE JUNIOR SCHOOL

## Year 4 April 2012 Newsletter

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Dear Parent/Carer

We are looking forward to a full and exciting summer term!

We are delighted with the work children did over Easter and it has created a real buzz in the year group and the children very much enjoyed it.

We are aware that some parents feel that traditional homework is preferable and easier to manage at home. We are also aware that many/some children have already embarked on their next project. So as to avoid disappointing the children we will continue with the current project but supply traditional homework for those children who would prefer it. Subsequently we would like to achieve a balance between traditional and project homework. "Traditional" homework will continue but we shall also set a two-week project in each half term. Children who undertake the project will not be expected to complete the traditional homework (except for Mathematics and spellings which will continue throughout). From now on there will be a Mathematics task set each week for all children which they can choose to complete either at home or at school on a Tuesday lunchtime in the ICT suite. This time is also available to those children working on homework projects.

Our trip to Whitwell is fast approaching! You will be sent an itinerary and a reminder about required kit in the next week or so. Please remember that your child will need a packed lunch in a plastic bag on the first day of their trip.

This term we will be learning about Tudor Explorers and the Aztecs in History, doing some flower-inspired textiles work in Art and studying Life Cycles in Science.

Unfortunately a significant number of children are still arriving in class without the basic equipment they need. The following is a list of the things they need every day in every lesson: Home-School Learning Journal, a handwriting pen, a pencil, spelling book (for weekly spellings).

Year 4 Teaching Staff

Note from the office:

The final payments for the Whitwell Hall residential were due on March 30<sup>th</sup> – if you have not made your last payment please do so by the end of this week (27<sup>th</sup>) as the school needs to settle the account with Whitwell.

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## Diary Dates

### May

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

### June

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

### July

Mon/Tues	9 <sup>th</sup> /10 <sup>th</sup>	Year 6 transition days to Hellesdon High School
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[End of Term Friday 20<sup>th</sup> 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.