

FIRSIDE JUNIOR SCHOOL

Year 5 April 2012 Newsletter

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Dear Parent/Carer,

With the beginning of the summer term we have realised how fast the year is moving along. The Spring term was a great success, with huge enthusiasm shown for all of our learning themes. The chance to learn a little German was a real bonus! Now we hope to complete the year with similar success, especially as we hope to work outside more. We have already begun a study of our city – Norwich and our final science project, later in the term will be – Sight and Sound.

A special mention for those people who visited us to help with our School Study. The children thoroughly enjoyed finding out information from our visitors and learned a huge amount about our school and Hellesdon in general in the 'old days! Many thanks to Mrs Hague, Mr Bolton and Mr Coe Snr. for their time and good company.

It will not be too long before we go to Holt Hall for our residential trip. Having been on previous trips to this centre I know the children will have a great time. I will be sending out an information letter soon, so that the children can start organising their own packing!

In a few weeks' time all Year 5 will be visiting the High School for a French Marche. This opportunity to practise some French conversation is organised and run by the High School children and is always a real treat.

The last week before half-term is when our planned celebrations for the school's 75th Anniversary will be held. We have already made a start on our contributions to the week, and are looking forward to some of the special events and visitors.

In the hope that we will get some hot weather a reminder that, children should bring in sunhats, have a water bottle and apply sun screen before coming to school on sunny days, especially Thursday when we have Games.

Finally, the boys in Year 5 were able to match their skills in football against other schools this year. Well done to the whole squad. Hopefully they will go on to represent Year 6 next year, where the girls get a chance to show their skills too!

Debra Turner

Note from Office:

Please note that final payments for Holt Hall residential trip need to be paid by 4th May.



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.