

# FIRSIDE JUNIOR SCHOOL

## Year 6 April 2012 Newsletter

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Dear Parent/Carer

It is hard to believe that we have begun the final term of Year 6 and high school awaits our children in September! Over this term we will continue to work with the high school to ensure a smooth transition. As part of this process later in the term teachers from the English Department will be coming in to work with both classes on a Heroes Day project.

This first half term centres around the National End Of Key Stage 2 Tests and our residential trip to Kingswood.

The tests take place in the week beginning Monday 14<sup>th</sup> May, and are spread out over that week. They consist of a reading test, writing and spelling tests and mathematics (mental maths, non-calculator and calculator tests). Good breakfasts and regular night's sleep in the weeks running up to the tests will really help pupils perform to the best of their abilities!

Our residential trip to Kingswood is the following week, from Monday 21<sup>st</sup> May to Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> May. A letter kit and final arrangements will follow shortly. Hopefully, the weather will be a little sunnier by then!

In class our main project work this half term is based on map and atlas skills, and a book project for the school's 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary.

A few reminders for the last term:

P.E. continues on a Wednesday, and pupils need shorts, a P.E. top and plimsolls (or bare feet) for indoor lessons. Games lessons continue every Thursday outside, so you must have a pair of trainers.

Earrings should be plain gold or silver studs only. No other jewellery should be worn to school.

Lunch boxes need to be stored in the canteen on arrival at school.

In warmer weather, tailored shorts may be worn, but no sports shorts or three quarter length shorts/ trousers. School shoes are still expected with shorts!

Don't forget to bring a bottle of water, sun hat and put on sun cream when we do get better weather!

## **Diary Dates**

### **May**

Wednesday	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Norwegian visitors
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.