



Firbeck News



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19th September 2016



- 5.9.16 CHILDREN RETURN TO SCHOOL
- 8 & 9.9.16 Music camp (Yr4 & 5)
- 12.9.16 Year 2 begin swimming
- 20.9.16 Yr1 parent information meeting 3pm
- 20.9.16 Yr2 parent information meeting 3pm
- 21.9.16 Yr3 & 4 parent information meeting 3pm
- 22.9.16 Yr5 parent information meeting 3pm
- 22.9.16 Yr6 parent information meeting 3pm
- 23.9.16 Bikeability (Yr6) begins
- 27.9.16 Grand Opening & Exhibition
- Governors' meeting 4-6pm
- 11-14.10.16 – Book Fair
- 11.10.16 Parents meetings (settling in) 4-7pm
- 12.10.16 Parents meetings (settling in) 4-6pm

- **17- 28.10.16 October half term**

- 16 – 18.11.16 Yr 6 Residential – Edale YHA (Derbyshire)

Dear Parents/Carers and Community,

Welcome back to what promises to be another incredibly exciting and successful year for Firbeck Academy. I hope everyone had a great Summer break and managed to spend some quality time relaxing and having fun with their family.

It has been a non-stop 5 weeks since we broke up in July, as I am sure our neighbours can attest to – Thank you once again for your patience and understanding. The new building has been completed, but not only that, the older (Infant) building has been reclad, the front of the school improved and even Nursery have a brand new path.

All of these things have built towards a sense of excitement for the staff as we have prepared for and opened up to the children. It has been a delight to see the children so obviously excited about their new environment and we would invite parents in to see what has been done during our Grand Opening.

There will be a wide range of other exciting things happening this year, for example we are starting a brand new system for the teaching of phonics. The result of which will be children who are much better prepared for decoding text in the earlier stages of reading.

As always please feel free to catch me as you come into school, or make an appointment to see me should you need.

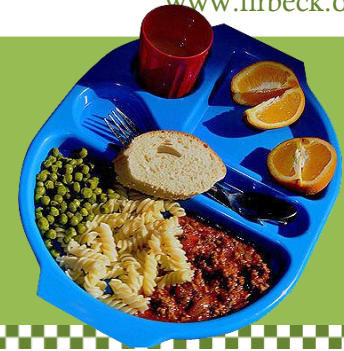
Kind regards,

J Osprey

Parking & Traffic...

Recently one of our neighbours came in to school to report that when they asked what may well have been a parent to move their car from blocking their driveway, they were subjected to a tirade of abuse.

Can I remind all visitors to school to respect our neighbours and the access to their own properties.



Grand Opening

Now that the children are back and making the most of their beautiful new school I would like to invite parents, carers and the local community to our Grand Opening and Exhibition.

TUESDAY 27TH SEPTEMBER
1.15PM – 3.15PM.

Please feel free to drop in to reception where some of our pupils will act as tour guides, showing visitors all the fantastic features of our new school.

In addition to this we are holding an exhibition of a range of children's work from when we completed our Building topic.

Drinks and finger food will also be available.

Please note if you are unable to make this date, you are more than welcome to have a look around the school during our 'settling in' parent meetings on the 11th & 12th October.

Uniform

In an assembly last week I spoke to the children about pride. I spoke to them about how it is not only okay for them to be proud of themselves and their school, but that they should feel a sense of pride in these things. They are all individually brilliant and collectively, along with the staff, the physical buildings, parents and the community they belong to something that is worth feeling proud about.

As part of this I have been reinforcing the need for the children to take a pride in what they look like i.e. correct uniform, shirts tucked in, etc.

Please refer to the children's school organiser for the correct uniform. Alternatively please visit the school website:

<http://www.firbeck.org.uk/prospectus/>

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School dinners

I'm sure you have all heard from the children that there is a new system and indeed a new provider of school dinners.

Dolce is the name of the company that now provide school dinners at Firbeck Academy. Whereas last year we received our dinners from NUSA, this year they are cooked fresh and onsite and they taste delicious.

Can I just remind you that you can choose the food for your children and you can make payments online. If you prefer to pay by cash, please put this in an envelope showing your child's name and class. Payment should be in advance

Please feel free to contact the school office should you require any further information.

For prepayments please visit:
<http://www.dolce.co.uk/catering/education/parents>

For the school menu:
<http://www.firbeck.org.uk/lunchtimes-and-menu/>

“Bits and Bobs...”

Meet the teacher evenings will be held both this week and on the 11th and 12th of October. The purpose of this week is really to share information about the curriculum and routines your child will experience in their class. The October meetings will deal specifically with how your child has settled into class this year.

Please be aware that there have been reports of **headlice** in school. Please check your child's hair regularly and

should you find anything please seek advice from your local pharmacy.

Recently a letter has come home regarding **clubs**. Can I just clarify the £5 charge for some of the clubs is for each session, starting after school and finishing at 5.30pm. There are limited places and as soon as we fill 15 places we will begin the club.

