



# Firbeck News



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26<sup>th</sup> July 2017



25.7.17 Headteacher's BBQ 12pm  
 25.7.17 Year 6 Leavers' Assembly  
 2.30pm  
 26.7.17 Toy Day  
**26.7.17 Last day of term**

**31.8.17 First day back for children**  
 4.9.17 Swimming – Year 5 - pm  
 6 & 7.9.17 Music Camp  
 13.9.17 Coffee morning for Reception  
 parents 9-10am  
 21 & 22.9.17 Y6 Bikeability training  
 28 & 29.9.17 Y6 Bikeability training  
 28.9.17 Governors meeting 4.30pm  
**5 & 6.10.17 INSET days**  
**23.10.17 – 3.11.17 October ½ term**

22 - 24.11.17 Year 6 Residential Edale  
 YHA  
 7.12.17 Governors' meeting 4.30pm

**25.12.17 – 5.1.18 Christmas  
 Holidays**

Dear Parents/Carers and Community,

As this academic year rapidly draws to a close I just wanted to take a moment to personally thank all of those people who had contributed to what has been a very successful year at Firbeck Academy. From those people who have volunteered at school, to our governors who give so much of their time voluntarily, to you as parents who have supported the school and your children over the last year so much – thank you.

I would like to pay a special tribute to all the staff at school who go above and beyond each and every day for the children. While on occasion the public perception of teachers is that they start at 9 and are out the door at 3.30pm, I know for a fact that I have staff arriving at school as early as 6.30am and not leaving until after 6pm. That is not even including the fact that most teachers also work from home most evenings and weekends. Whilst teaching can be the most rewarding of professions it can also be incredibly difficult and I would like to pay personal tribute to what is one of the most dedicated and professional staffs I have had the pleasure of working with. On top of the teaching staff are all the other staff that make the running of this school so effective – thank you.

Finally to the children; I am certain that all of the people I have mentioned above would be the first to say that Firbeck Academy's biggest strength is its children. They make us proud and are incredibly polite, courteous and conscientious learners – a very big THANK YOU, especially to our departing Year 6's, who I wish the very best for in their next new adventure.

Kind regards, J Osprey

## School Dinners 2017-2018

Since taking on the responsibility of providing our school dinners, Dolce have done a great job and provided a brilliant service. The food is cooked fresh, on site and using local produce. Like many companies though, they have had to provide this service with growing costs. As a result of this children, other than those on free school meals, will need to pay £2.10 per day from when we return at the end of August.



**LET'S  
LOOK  
OUT  
FOR EACH OTHER**



## Road safety - facts

As we come up to the summer break I thought it appropriate to share some road safety facts from the AA:

- Around 5,000 children under the age of 16 die or are seriously injured on Britain's roads each year
- Nearly two in three road accidents happen when children are walking or playing
- Almost two-thirds of child accident victims are boys
- As a child gets older the risk of a road accident increases
- A child from a low-income family is five times more likely than a child from a high-income family to be killed on the road
- Children from an ethnic minority are involved in up to twice as many accidents while walking or playing as the national average
- The risk of being involved in a road accident when walking or playing is more than 10 times greater for a child with hearing difficulties

**PLEASE BE CAREFUL THIS SUMMER.**

## “Farewell - Hello”

I would like to take this opportunity to say goodbye and thank those members of staff who are moving on over the summer.

Mr Middleton is beginning a new role at a school within our Trust called Westdale Juniors from September. As well as teaching our Year 6 pupils Mr Middleton has had a leading role within the school on behaviour, English and phonics. He has been a real source of strength and will be sorely missed.

From September Shelley and the staff from the Reach (Karrin, Yin Yin, Carolyn and Sunny) will no longer be with us. They have worked tirelessly within school to help our children and families. The wellbeing they have helped foster cannot be underestimated.

Finally Adam McGrory is moving on over the summer. Adam has constantly and tirelessly offered expert PE tuition and clubs to our children.

As with any people leaving, there are always new people joining us. From September in Year 6 will be Mr Brooks, who is coming from a school in Mansfield to join us here at Firbeck.

We have a brand new teacher of the deaf. It is very exciting to welcome Mrs Hayes to Firbeck... She has already been here getting her classroom ready for September!

In Year 1 and Year 3 we also have two new teachers, with Mrs Towns and Miss Chantrey having a slightly different role in school. Mrs Stewart and Mr Lee respectively.

Finally, recognising the importance of a counselling service in school, Raminder and Carol will be joining us from 'Think Children' in September.

I am genuinely looking forward to all the things that these new members of staff will bring to our school.



## 'Bits & Bobs'

**Firbeck's Got Talent** was held on Friday 21<sup>st</sup> July. It was absolutely brilliant to see so much talent on display. The top 4 acts, as voted by the children were:

1. Paris (Y2): Street Dance
2. Taeneal, Lexine & Reece (Y4): Piano & dance
3. Sophie, Olivia, Kyla, Sophie Isobelle, Skye & Yasmin (Y5): Singing
4. Jack: Electric guitar

Perfect attendance was celebrated by Kailen and Adam (Y3) at the **Lord Mayor's Attendance Awards** on 13.7.17. I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate all those pupils who have attendance of 97% or more – this is above the national average.

Layton (Y2) won his **Blue Peter** badge in May 2017 because he wrote to Blue Peter, where he said he really enjoyed going to the ice shoot-out at the

National Ice Arena. Congratulations Layton.

I just wanted to thank the whole school community for supporting **Red Nose Day** (24.3.17). We raised £402.55. Thank you.

**Sports day** team winners: “Team Swimming”. Thank you all for attending.

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