

Firbeck News

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26th July 2018

26.7.18 Last day of term

30.7.18 – 3.8.18 Koala Clubs –
Holiday Club

3.9.18 First day back for children

10.9.18 Swimming – Year 5 - pm
12 & 13.9.18 Music Camp

29.10.18 – 2.11.18 October ½ term

20 - 22.11.18 Year 6 Residential Edale
YHA
20.9.18 Governors' meeting 4.30pm
6.12.18 Governors' meeting 4.30pm

19.12.18 – 4.1.19 Christmas Holidays

*Please refer to our website for term dates
and INSETs for 2018-2019*

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 have 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.

It has been an amazing year and an absolute privilege to be part of. Recently events like the school fair and sports day made me realise what a fantastic community spirit exists around the school. It has also been a joy to watch the children enjoying so many school trips to farms, parks, etc in recent months. These kinds of enrichment activities make learning so much more enjoyable. Yesterday was the highly entertaining and moving Year 6 Leavers' Assembly – A great show and I can't say how proud I am of these young people as they prepare to start next year at secondary school.

I would like to thank the staff of Firbeck Academy who have worked tirelessly to find the best possible ways to provide the skills and knowledge that our children need for modern society. Finally the children themselves – they make teaching the most rewarding of professions, they make sure every day is an exciting and new day and they are the reason that people who work in education are still smiling even after an exhausting year.

Kind regards, Jason Osprey



School Dinners 2018-2019

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 KS2 children, other than those on free school meals, will need to pay £2.25 per day from when we return in September.



Thank you

I wanted to acknowledge all the amazing work that volunteers have and continue to do within our school.

These people come in to school in their own time and support the children in so many different ways. They provide an invaluable service and I would like to thank:

Mrs Waldram and Mrs Dew who every week come in and read with our children (that is despite Mrs Dew being over 90 years old!).

Mrs Michalec who tirelessly works with some of our children who struggle with English as an additional language.

Mrs Morad who has given so much of her time all across the school supporting a range of children in a range of different ways.

Mrs King who has supported in Year 6 over the course of this year and helped to make it so successful.

“Farewell”

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

Firstly Mrs Fiddes (in the Office) and Mrs Adams (SENDCo) are retiring. Thank you to both for their combined 30+ years of service to Firbeck Academy. They will both be massively missed.

To Mrs Towns, Mrs Albans and Mr Lee. Thank you also for all your hard work over the course of this year (and before for Mrs Towns) and the very best of luck for next year in your new schools. You have all been incredible in what you have done for the school. I'm not sure how we will find people to do all the things you did for us Mrs Towns!

Good luck and all the very best for the future Mrs Stewart. I know how much hard work you have put into this past year and I know you will be a fantastic asset to your next school.

To Mrs Church – I can only thank you for all you have done in the years you have been at Firbeck. Both in your role as a midday supervisor, which can be an incredibly challenging role, to your role as a teaching assistant.

Finally Miss White. I'd like to wish her all the best for her maternity leave. I hope you enjoy it, and look forward to your return.

Attendance

A very special congratulations to Scarlett in Year 2.

Scarlett had perfect attendance for the year and was very lucky to be drawn out of the prize draw and win an Amazon Kindle!

Please remember how important attendance is in school and that if term time absence is necessary school need to be notified. Holidays will not be authorised.

‘Bits & Bobs’

Thank you for your support at the **Summer Fair**. The Friends of Firbeck raised £600 which they are intending to use for outdoor furniture.

Please remember in September to **label all pieces of uniform**. We have so much lost property that we can not find an owner for.

Book bags are available for sale from school reception £5.

Thank you once again to **Rotary** for **their support** for the school and the very kind donation of our Year 6 leaver's gifts – illustrated dictionaries.

A very special thank you to Mrs Burrows and the work she and her team have done to create a fantastic **library** for the school. Check out the photos!

