



**8<sup>th</sup> January 2019**

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you have all had a lovely holiday and enjoyed the break with your children. It is great to see them all back in school today and hear of all the exciting things they have been up to and of the presents they were lucky enough to receive.

Thank you for all the cards and presents that you were kind enough to send in for staff before Christmas, it is always very much appreciated.

The spring term is set to be another busy and exciting one. Our new whole school focus is 'Horrible History'. Each year group will be sending out a newsletter and new topic web so you can keep up to date with what's going on and also so you can support your child with their learning. If you have any questions about what your child is learning this half term, please just ask to see your child's teacher. In the class newsletters will be PE and music days, so please make sure your child has PE kit including trainers or plimsolls in school for these days. Please also remember to make sure names are in each piece of clothing, this really helps to cut down on lost property and make things run much smoother for the children.

We introduced a new homework policy last half term. The children have been really benefitting from the consolidation of doing some school work at home. However to monitor the progress it is really important that homework books are returned to the class teacher each week, as the work cannot be checked and new work set without them. So please make sure all books are returned this week.

We have new after school clubs starting this week, Koala Klubs are running paid sessions on a Monday, Tuesday and Thursday after school 3.30-4.30pm (Multi sports, animation & dodgeball). If you are interested in signing your child up for one of these please complete the form that was sent out before Christmas or ask at the office for another one.

Please remember school dinners should be paid in advance and pre-ordered from the Dolce website. If you haven't signed up for this please see Miss Ingram in the office. Also you are able to send in healthy snacks to get your child through the morning or they can buy toast and/or juice from our school kitchen.

Mr Bown (year 6) and Mr Brown (year 2) have started with us this week. They visited and worked with the teachers before the Christmas holidays so already have a good understanding of where the children are at and how we work at Firbeck. I am sure you will get chance to meet them in the coming weeks and will be hearing all about them.

Friends of Firbeck have been collecting donations of school uniform and selling bits off at a bargain price. They will continue to do so, so if you have any unwanted/outgrown uniform

please pass it on via the school office. I will let you know when they will next be selling the items and hopefully you can grab yourself a bargain!

A gentle reminder about up to date contact details, if we are trying to get hold of you if your child has been unwell or for another reason, it is so important that we have your most recent mobile number. If you have changed recently or are unsure, please just pop in to the office to check.

Many thanks and best wishes,

Mrs Riley  
Deputy Headteacher

Up and coming dates:

17 <sup>th</sup> January	Road safety quiz for KS2
23 <sup>rd</sup> January	NSPCC assemblies for KS1 and KS2
15 <sup>th</sup> February	School is closed for a staff INSET Day
18 <sup>th</sup> -22 <sup>nd</sup> February	Half term
6 <sup>th</sup> & 7 <sup>th</sup> March	Parents evenings
5 <sup>th</sup> April	Last day of the spring term