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Firbeck News

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FIRBECK ACADEMY

26th October 2018

29.10.18 – 2.11.18 October ½ term

15.11.18 Individual school photos
20-22.11.18 Year 6 Residential at Edale YHA
23.11.18 Signing choir out today
28.11.18 University WOW day
30.11.18 Family cyberwise course starts
4.12.18 KS2 Christmas performance 7pm at St Leonards
6.12.18 Governors' meeting 4.30pm
7.12.18 EYFS/KS1 Disco 3.30 – 4.30pm
7.12.18 KS2 Disco 4.40 – 5.40pm
10.12.18 INSET day
12.12.18 KS1 Christmas performance 9.30am
12.12.18 EYFS Christmas performance 2.15pm
13.12.18 Christmas dinner day
13.12.18 EYFS party afternoon
14.12.18 Circus exhibition
17.12.18 School party afternoon
Please refer to our website for term dates and INSETs for 2018-2019

Dear Parents/Carers and Community,

It has felt like a long half term and children and staff are looking forward to a well-deserved break.

I just wanted to briefly mention some of the fantastic things that have been happening at Firbeck since we returned in September.

Earlier in September Mr. Sansome and Mrs. Spence took a group of children to Music Camp. These children now regularly take part in Area Band practices and are set to perform at the Albert Hall on the 12th December.

Our new curriculum has got off to an absolutely amazing start, with WOW days for Early Years, Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2. Please look at our Twitter feed to see some of the amazing things that happened on these days. We have also had a visit from Zoolab as part of our topic and the children from most of the school got to enjoy being up close with some very special animals. On the 22nd October we had our Circus film night, where a large number of children and families came in to enjoy the story of P T Barnum – a founding father of the modern circus. We are incredibly excited still about the upcoming circus that will visit Firbeck (information overleaf) and the exhibition we will hold, that will showcase all the high quality work that has come from this topic.

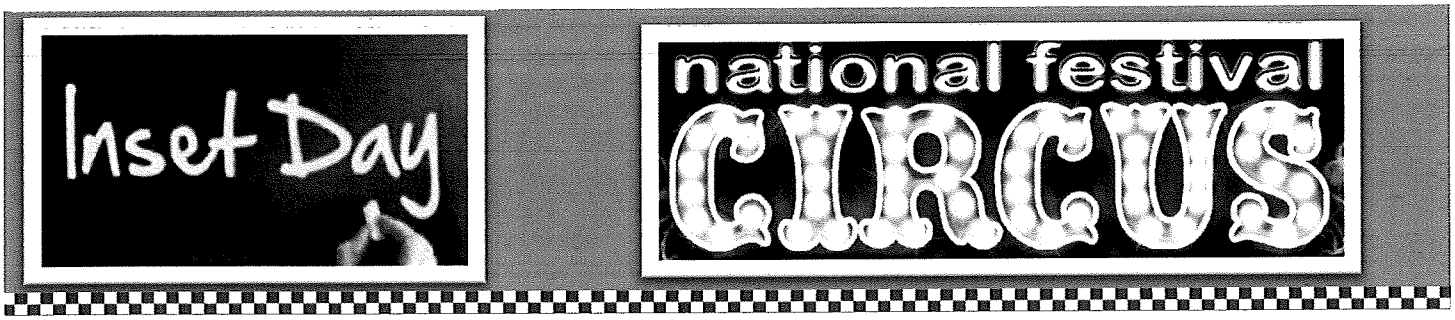
I hope everyone has a brilliant and safe week and I look forward to seeing you all again when school re-opens on Monday 5th November.

Kind regards,

Mr. J Osprey

Bicycle Safety

It has been great to note the number of children riding, walking and scooting to school in recent weeks. We will be supporting this with Bikeability lessons later in the year. While I would always seek to encourage this, I would ask however that children wear bike helmets and that parents are aware that at times the children are not necessarily riding safely. I have had a few reports of children riding dangerously on the roads. I would ask parents to ensure they know their children are riding bikes safely and that when they arrive at school they are immediately locked up safely also.



Upcoming INSET

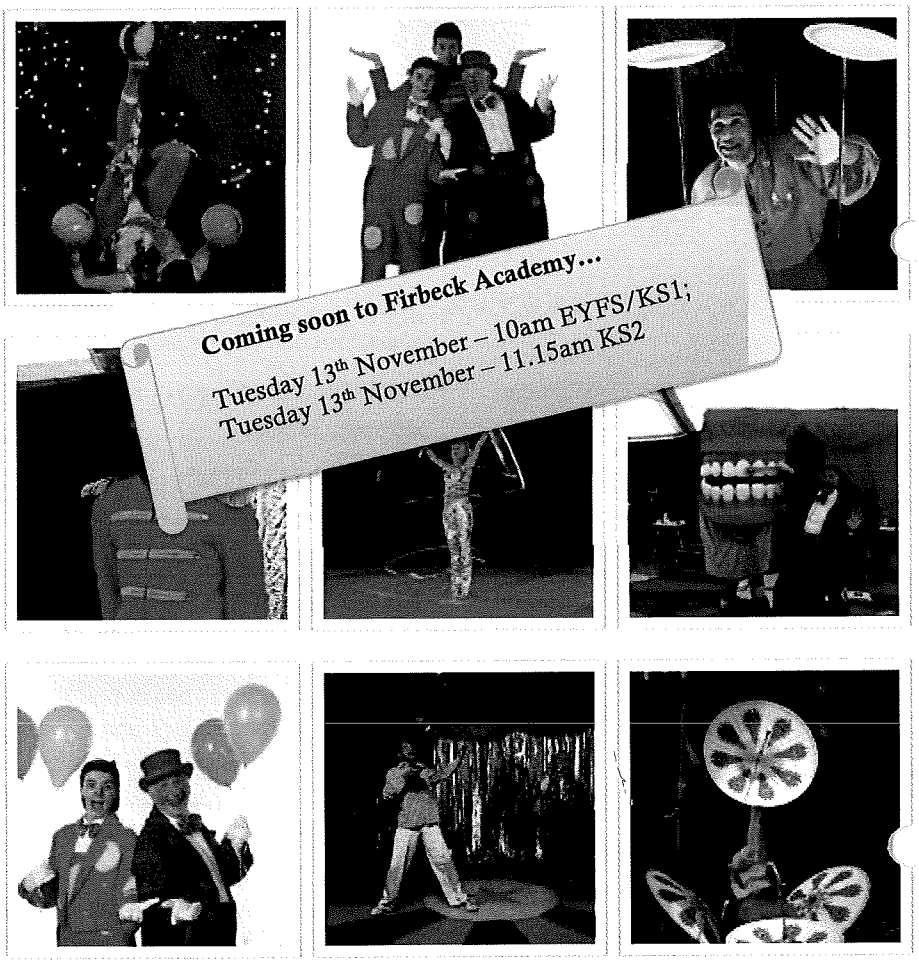
Over the last year and beyond, there has been a lot of work that has gone on to improve the standard of education that the children at Firbeck get.

As part of this we have focused on phonics, writing, attitudes to learning, mathematics and resourcing, how we feedback and mark work and of course the curriculum we provide in general.

In order to carry on this great work and to embed some of the rapid changes, so they are sustained and improved further. **Firbeck Academy will have an INSET on Monday 10th December 2018.**

This is not an additional INSET, it is one of the allocated 4 (plus an Admin day at the beginning of the year) that all schools have.

I apologise for the relative late notice for this, but we could not allocate a date for it until recently. A letter will follow about a club running on the day.



'Bits & Bobs'

Holiday club would have run this October ½ term on the following dates: 5-7th. However due to only 2 people booking we have not been able to run it. Please look out for letters about this when they come as it is very reasonably priced and a lot of fun for the children.

Attendance

As I mention in every newsletter attendance is something we are striving to improve this year. To date school attendance is 94.5%. This is less than the national average of 96% and equates to approximately 2 days off school for every child so far. It goes without saying that being at school improves learning, which is why we do not authorise in term holidays. Please help us to help your children.

Circus Exhibition

Keep the date free! On December 14th December Firbeck will exhibiting a range of all the fantastic work that has come as part of our Amazing CIRCUS topic. You will be invited into school at any point in the day, but informed of when your child's class can be available to be hosts. It will be great.