



## Firthmoor Primary School Newsletter

**Date: Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> October 2025**

Dear Parents and Carers,

We have the Harvest Festival and Halloween Disco to look forward to this half term. More information on these events is below.

A reminder that newsletters will be emailed to you once a fortnight, uploaded to the school website and put on Facebook in order to ensure that everyone can see it. Please can you keep an eye out for information on all school events.

### **Peppa Pig Open Day – Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> October 2025 10am - 12pm**

Do you have a child who will be ready to start nursery or school soon? Do you have friends or family who may be interested in looking at our Nursery or School setting? We welcome you to our open day where you can bring your child to look around our school. Peppa and George will also be there to meet and greet children along with a bouncy castle and refreshments to keep the little ones entertained.



### **Harvest Festival – Friday 24<sup>th</sup> October 2025 9.15am or 2.15pm**

Our children (including Nursery) will be celebrating Harvest with a whole school assembly this year. We will put on two performances so that all parents are able to come along. There will be a morning performance at **9.15am** (which includes Nursery) and an afternoon performance at **2.15pm** (no nursery pupils). We will need parents to reserve a seat so that we can ensure we have room for everyone. Please contact the school office. Initially, we will be restricting seats to 2 seats per family to ensure fair access (we will review this nearer the time). There will be a raffle at each assembly with the money raised going towards subsidising our Pantomime visit in December so please bring some change along if you can.

We will also be collecting donations on behalf of the local foodbank at Firthmoor Community Centre. We will welcome donations into school of tinned or packeted items from **Monday 20<sup>th</sup> October**.

### **Halloween Disco – Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> October 2025**

We will be having a Halloween disco for pupils and we will be selling tickets via parent pay from next week. The money we raise from this event will go towards subsidising our planned trip to the pantomime for pupils in Year 1 to Year 6 in December and to subsidise the cost of a show for our nursery and reception pupils at the Hullaballoo theatre.



### **Rec, Year 1 and Year 2 pupils can attend the disco from 3.30pm - 4.45pm**

Pupils in Reception can come to school dressed in their Halloween outfits as they will be taking part in Halloween themed activities throughout the day. Pupils in Year 1 and 2 can either leave school to get changed at home or bring their costumes to get changed in class. We will need to know who is staying in school nearer the time.

### **Year 3, Year 4, Year 5 and Year 6 pupils can attend from 5pm – 6.15pm**

Tickets cost £2 per child which includes a drink and a cupcake.

There will also be sweets on sale and the money raised from selling the sweets will also go towards subsidising the pantomime visit.

Our Nursery pupils are invited to come to school in their Halloween outfits for a Halloween themed day on **Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> October**.

### **Birthday Celebrations**



A reminder that parents can make a payment of £2 via Parent Pay if they wish to have their photo taken with 2 friends next to the birthday flag. They will need to let the school office know in advance so that we can arrange to have the flag raised. Children can bring sweets in for their class if they wish to on their birthday. These must be in sealed packets that can be sent home with the child (e.g. mini rolls, haribos, fun size chocolates).

### **Pupil Attendance**

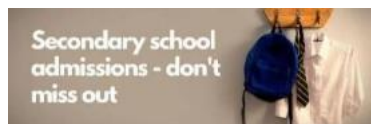
We need to safeguard all pupils in school so when a pupil is absent, and we have not heard from the pupil's family for 3 days then we will call out to the home to check that the pupil is fit and well. If we are not able to make contact, then we may refer this to the local authority safeguarding team.

If you are on holiday, then please let the school know so that it does not become a safeguarding issue.



### **Year 6 – Applications for Secondary School Places**

Please remember that you need to apply for a secondary school place for your child by **31<sup>st</sup> October 2026**. There is a link to a guide for parents which also contains information about Open Events that you may want to attend: [Darlington BC - Starting secondary education](#)



### **Applications for Reception Class – September 2026**

Children born between 1 September 2020 and 31 August 2021 are eligible to start school in Reception in September 2025. There is a link to a guide for parents below. The closing date for applications is the **15<sup>th</sup> January 2026**. [Primary School Admissions Guide](#)



### **Sports Update**

#### **Autumn 1 – PE Kit Days**



Here are the days that your child will be taking part in PE lessons in **Autumn 1**.

**Y1CB** – Monday and Tuesday

**Y12HI** – Monday and Tuesday

**Y2TH** – Monday and Tuesday

**Y3NT** – Monday and Friday

**Y34SBRH** – Tuesday and Thursday  
**Y4MT** – Wednesday and Friday  
**Y5DM** – Tuesday and Thursday  
**Y56AW** – Tuesday and Wednesday  
**Y6LJ** – Monday and **Tuesday (swimming)**

**Please note that pupils in Miss Jamieson's class (Y6LJ) will be swimming on Tuesdays throughout the Autumn Term. A letter has been sent about further swimming day details.**

If PE days change in Autumn 2, we will inform you nearer the time.

### **PE Kit**

Pupils should wear a plain red t-shirt, plain black shorts, leggings or tracksuit and trainers.

No jewellery to be worn on PE days.

Children in Year 2 to Year 6 can come to school dressed in their PE kits on their specified PE days.

Children in Reception and Year 1 will continue to change into their PE kits at school. Please bring kits in a school drawstring bag.

### **Diary of Events:**

(More information on these events in the next newsletter)

| <b>Event</b>   | <b>Date and Time</b>   | <b>Year Group</b>   | <b>Parents Invited</b> |
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| <b>Halloween Disco</b>   | Thursday 23 <sup>rd</sup><br>October   | Rec, Y1, Y1/2 Y2 –<br>3.30pm – 4.45pm<br>Y3, Y3/4, Y4, Y5, Y5/6,<br>Y6 – 5pm – 6.15pm | No                     |
| <b>Harvest Festival</b><br>(Both assemblies<br>are the same so<br>choose one to<br>attend) | Friday 24 <sup>th</sup><br>October<br>9.15am and<br>2.15pm<br>(Nursery AM<br>only) | Nursery – Year 6  | Yes                    |
| <b>Early Years<br/>Halloween Day –<br/>Come dressed up<br/>if you like!</b>                | Thursday 23 <sup>rd</sup><br>October   | Nursery and Rec<br>pupils   | No                     |

### **Safeguarding Information for Parents**

Please see below some links to useful websites with safeguarding information for parents.

Laptops - <https://saferinternet.org.uk/guide-and-resource/parents-and-carers/laptops>

Tik Tok - <https://swgfl.org.uk/assets/documents/tiktok-checklist-2021.pdf>