



## **Firthmoor Primary School Newsletter**

**Date: Friday 5<sup>th</sup> September 2025**

Dear Parents and Carers,



A very warm welcome back to another school year. I hope you have all enjoyed the summer holidays with your families. We have had a lovely start to the year with lots of smiles from children and parents.

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.

### **New starters**

We have had lots of children join us from other settings and we are so pleased with how well everyone is settling in. Our youngest pupils who started in Reception this week have made an amazing start to school life and we are delighted.

### **Peppa Pig Open Day – Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> October 2025**

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 to keep little ones entertained.



### **Winmarleigh Meeting for Parents and Children – 4pm Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> September 2025**

We will be holding a meeting in school where we will be sharing information about the upcoming visit in October and offering the opportunity to ask any questions. If you are unable to attend this meeting then please let the school office know.

### **School Site Reminders**



Please could parents follow our one-way system when collecting pupils from school. Parents need to come in via the main entrance to access the yard and then leave via the Key Stage 2 gate. This ensures that home time runs as smoothly and as safely as possible for everyone.

A reminder that we are encouraging all children to arrive to school promptly as we do not want children to miss out on their learning. The KS2 gate (near to the main entrance of the car park) closes at



**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.

### **OPAL (Outdoor Play and Learning)**

Miss True introduced our new playtime project this week in assembly. The project is called OPAL (Outdoor Play and Learning) and it will take approximately 18 months to complete. By working with the OPAL Team, we hope to improve our pupil's playtime experiences. Over the next few weeks, we will be introducing small changes to playtimes. Pupils will be informed regularly of any changes and are actively encouraged to discuss the changes that will happen with the OPAL Play team, which is led by Miss True.



### **Water bottles**

This is a reminder that children are encouraged to bring a water bottle into school to have in class. It is important that children stay hydrated throughout the day, especially in warm weather which hopefully is not over yet! This must be water and not juice. We don't bring large water bottles into school as we don't have space.

### **Grapes**



Please can you ensure that grapes are cut from top to bottom if you are sending them in packed lunches for pupils. This is because they can pose a choking hazard for children. Further information can be found in the link below.

[What age should you stop cutting up grapes? | Child Accident](#)

[Prevention Trust](#)

### **School Bags**

Please can you ensure that children bring a book bag or small alternative bag instead of large rucksacks to school. We don't have the space in school to keep larger bags.

### **Diary of Events:**

(More information on these events in the next newsletter)

Event	Date and Time	Year Group	Parents Invited
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<b>Halloween Disco</b>	Thursday 23 <sup>rd</sup> October	Rec, Y1, Y1/2 Y2 – 3.30pm – 4.45pm Y3, Y3/4, Y4, Y5, Y5/6, Y6 – 5pm – 6.30pm	No
<b>Harvest Festival</b>	Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> October	Nursery – Year 6	Yes
<b>Early Years Halloween Day – Come dressed up if you like!</b>	Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> October	Nursery and Rec pupils	No

### **Safeguarding Information for Parents**

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

Mobile Phones - <https://saferinternet.org.uk/guide-and-resource/parents-and-carers/phones>

Roblox - <https://swgfl.org.uk/assets/documents/roblox-checklist-new.pdf>

Reporting Online Concerns - <https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/online-reporting/>