



## Firthmoor Primary School Newsletter

**Date: Friday 16th January 2026**

Dear Parents and Carers,

A warm welcome back to our spring term. I hope you all enjoyed the festive period with your families.

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.

### **Reminder - Nut Free School**

We have some pupils and staff with severe nut allergies in school. Pupils should not bring nuts or nut related products into school. This includes 'Nutella' in sandwiches. I appreciate your ongoing support with this as the health risk to others is significant.

### **Friendly Reminder - Safeguarding**

To help us keep all our pupils safe, we kindly ask parents and carers not to take photos or videos of other children, including when pupils are leaving the school premises. Some of our children require additional safeguarding measures, and your support with this helps us maintain a secure environment for everyone. Thank you for working with us to keep our school community safe.

### **2 Parent Governor vacancies**

As we are now part of Northern Lights Learning Trust, we are creating a Governing body for our school. A letter is being sent out alongside the newsletter with further information. Please contact the school office if you have any questions.



### **Proposed London Trip for Year 5 and Year 6 pupils**

Letters were sent home about a proposed residential visit to London in May. Please contact the school office if you require any further information.

### **Car Parking and Idling Engines – Thank You for Supporting Our School Community**

Thank you for continuing to help us keep our school environment safe, calm and welcoming for everyone. To support our local residents and reduce congestion, we encourage families to park a little further from school and enjoy a short walk where possible. This helps create a safer space around the school entrances for pupils and parents.

We also appreciate your support in avoiding parking on double yellow lines or zigzag markings, as keeping these areas clear helps protect the safety of our pupils and other road users.

Finally, switching off your engine while waiting not only improves air quality but also benefits children and adults with respiratory conditions. Your small actions make a big difference to the health of our community and the environment.

Thank you for helping us keep our school area safe and pleasant for everyone.

## **Childcare for Reception to Year 6**

We are interviewing candidates for the post of Childcare Co-ordinator and we will keep you updated on this. We are hoping to provide after school childcare (from 3.30pm until 6pm) with a view to also providing an earlier childcare breakfast club offer. If you are interested in school-based childcare then please could you contact the school office to notify them of your requirements so that they can make a note of your details and ensure that you get further updates.

## **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.



## **Sports Update**

### **Spring 1 – PE Kit Days**

Here are the days that your child will be taking part in PE lessons in **Spring 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 (swimming)** and Wednesday

**Y6LJ** – Monday and Thursday

**Please note that pupils in Mrs Walker's class (Y56AW) will be swimming on Tuesdays throughout the Spring Term. A letter has been sent about further swimming day details.**



### **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)

Firstly, can I say a big thank you to anyone who has donated dressing up clothes to the school. We are hoping on setting up our new dressing up zones early in the Spring Term.

As you know we are continuing to develop our playtimes and are always looking at introducing new activity boxes. We are also trying to ensure our playtime boxes are kept safe and dry. Do you have any unwanted tarpaulins we could use to keep our boxes dry?

If you do have items that you can donate, please put them in a plastic bag and either bring them to the office or send them to school with your child. Miss True will have a box to collect donated items in.

As part of our OPAL project, we aim to be outside as much as we can for play time and dinner time. Therefore, please can you ensure your child comes to school in a waterproof coat every day.

#### **Diary of Events:**

(More information on these events in the next newsletter)

Event	Date and Time	Year Group	Parents/Carers Invited
Valentines Disco	Thurs 19 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Rec – Y6	No
E-Safety Assembly	Thurs 19 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Y1 – Y6	Yes
Nursery Valentines Party	Thurs 19 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Nursery	No

#### **Safeguarding Information for Parents**

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

[Childline](#) provides free and confidential advice for children and young people

[Internet Watch Foundation](#) works internationally to remove child sexual abuse online images and videos and offers a place for the public to report them anonymously.