



Firthmoor Primary School Newsletter

Date: Friday 6th March 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to the second half of our spring term. It is lovely to see the lighter mornings. It was lovely to see so many of you at our 'E-Safety' assembly and a fantastic reminder from the children about how we need to stay safe online. Thank you once again for your support with 'World Book Day' our children all looked fantastic and enjoyed a reading inspired day in school.

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: School closes on Thursday 2nd April for the Easter holidays and re-opens on Tuesday 21st April.

Parent Appointments – Week Beginning: 23rd March

Further information about this to follow. Please ensure that you arrange a convenient time to speak to your child's teacher about their progress as it is so important to find out how their learning is progressing.

Easter Crafts

We will be holding Easter craft sessions where parents/carers will be invited into school to work with their child on some Easter crafts. The dates are below. You do not need to book for this event. We will also be holding an Easter Egg decorating competition so this can be an opportunity for you to create your Easter Egg masterpiece. More details on this to follow.

Childcare for Reception to Year 6

We are delighted to inform you that we have appointed a Childcare Co-ordinator. We will get our childcare up and running as soon as all our preparation is completed. After school childcare will run from 3.15pm until 6pm with a view to also providing an earlier childcare breakfast club offer if we have sufficient need. 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

As we are now part of Northern Lights Learning Trust, we will be working towards following their guidance for attendance. We will update you in due course on how these changes will affect you.

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.

Red Nose Day – Friday 20th March

Children can come into school in non-uniform on this day and can bring a voluntary donation for the Red Nose Day charity.



Sports Update

Spring 1 – PE Kit Days

Here are the days that your child will be taking part in PE lessons in Spring 2

Y1CB – Monday and Friday

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.

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

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

Clubs

Our spring clubs are now up and running. This term our clubs are:

Monday – Y3 Games club with Sporting Futures

Monday – Year 6 Maths club with Miss Jamieson

Wednesday – Mrs Walker's maths club

Wednesday – Mrs Irwin's Fun Key Skills

Wednesday – Miss Childs-Carty Arts and Crafts club

Wednesday – Choir with Miss True and Mrs Coad

Thursday – Board Games club with Miss Heslop

Thursday - Dance club with Miss Trainer

Friday – Y6 Games club with Sporting Futures

If your child is unable to attend their club, please could you let the office know so the coach/ teacher is aware.



OPAL (Outdoor Play and Learning)

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
Red Nose Day (Non-Uniform)	Friday 20th March	All	No
Easter Crafts	Tues 31st March 9.15am	Year 3/4 Year 4	Yes
Easter Crafts	Tues 31st March 2pm	Rec Year 1 Year 1 /2 Year 2	Yes
Easter Crafts	Wed 1st April 9.15am	Year 5 Year 6	Yes
Easter Crafts	Wed 1st April 10.30am	Nursery	Yes
Easter Crafts	Wed 1st April 2pm	Year 3 Year 5/6	Yes

Safeguarding Information for Parents

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

Online Sexual Harassment - <https://www.childnet.com/help-and-advice/online-sexual-harassment/>

Early Help - <https://www.darlington-safeguarding-partnership.co.uk/safeguarding-advice-and-guidance/parents-and-carers-advice-and-guidance/early-help-support-for-families/>