

Firwood Manor Preparatory School

Broadway, Chadderton, Oldham, OL9 0AD



Focus on Firwood 21.04.2017



HEADLINES

Welcome back to the summer term! I cannot believe we are already in the final term of the school year; it seems to have flown by so fast.

It was lovely to see the children arrive to school on Monday and hear all the news from the holiday. Can I remind you that all the children should now be in the summer uniform. A uniform list is at the end of the newsletter.

During the week we have lots of new visitors in school. Once again the children have made me very proud and all the visitors have commented on the beautiful manners of all the children and the warm welcome they received at Firwood Manor!

The next few weeks are going to be busy ones and as we head into the better weather there is a real outdoor theme going on!

Next week our oldest children are heading off to Wales for their residential week accompanied by Mrs Bennett, Mrs Ringrose and Mr Cockburn. This year they are staying at Naturesbase and will be developing lots of skills, alongside helping to look after the animals. We hope they have a fabulous time and the weather is kind to them!

Also next Friday Prep 3 and 4 will be going on their weekend trip to Winmarleigh Hall. I, Mrs Batters and Miss Joubert will be joining them and we are keeping our fingers crossed for dry weather!

We are holding another parents evening on Tuesday 2nd May for years 1-6. This year we have introduced lots of new assessments so we can support the children's individual learning within school and feel it is important to share your child's progress with you. Please phone the school office for an appointment.

I hope you all have an enjoyable weekend.

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New Appointments

As some of you may be aware, Mrs Ringrose is leaving Firwood Manor at the end of the Summer term. Mrs Ringrose and her family will be relocating to Belgium at the end of July. In the short time Mrs Ringrose has been at Firwood, she has had a big impact in developing and leading our outdoor learning program, which is something the children have loved being part of. Although we are sad to see her go, we would like to wish her and her family lots of luck and happiness in their new venture.

We have also had the news that Miss Monaghan has accepted a teaching post in Qatar. Miss Monaghan has spent over ten years at Firwood Manor and we have seen her develop from a newly qualified teacher to an experienced, caring and focused member of our team. It has been a hard decision for Miss Monaghan to make but she feels the time is right to start a new chapter overseas. We will be extremely sad to say goodbye and hope she will return to us in the future, but for now we would like to wish her all the best.

I am sure both Mrs Ringrose and Miss Monaghan will keep in touch with us all at Firwood. Interviews for new teaching staff will be held over the next few weeks and we will keep you fully informed as to new appointments made.

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Prep 4 Science

This afternoon, Prep 4 have been investigating solids, liquids and gases. We made cornflour slime and discussed whether it was a solid or liquid. We were a little puzzled as we could pour it like a liquid but it wasn't wet or sticky but we could also hold it in our hands like a solid.

We then used ourselves to show what the molecules in solids, liquids and gases are like. We had a great afternoon investigating and sharing our thoughts.



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Prep 5

Dear All

Welcome to the Summer term.

I trust you all had a wonderful holiday and like me cannot quite believe we are entering our last term together as Prep 5, how quickly time flies.

We have much to look forward to this term including our trip to Wales next week which I know will be fantastic. The itinerary looks busy and full of exciting activities like den building and collecting eggs, we are all looking forward to it.

In our studies, we will be exploring the amazon rainforest and the animals, plants, life cycles and science that goes along with it.

We will be looking into debating in our English lessons and continuing to improve our maths skills mentally and written.

Lastly, we hope to complete our Archie B programme this term so will inform you of our activities with that nearer the time.

Full steam ahead in Prep 5!

Kate Ringrose

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Prep 6

Welcome back to the summer term.

In maths we have been focussing on algebra to secure our understanding of this concept. In English we have been revisiting active and passive sentences, and writing from a stimulus. In History we have been investigating what life was like in Britain after the Romans left and how we need to evaluate sources due to their reliability.

In RE the children have been looking at Diversity and Identity and have been studying what it means to be a good citizen and what it means to be a global citizen. Finally in Science we have been studying Organisms, which has involved us categorising different species into different groups and how we can identify mammals from insects etc.

As I am sure you are aware the SATs exams are in May. Over the Easter holidays the children brought home a 10 4 10 booklet which was to boost their maths further. The aim was for the children to complete 10 minutes of maths for 10 days so that they do not forget all the work we have covered so far. It also means that they practise strategies that they will need to remember. Please ensure that your child has completed these activities.

Finally we will be going swimming after the Easter break on a Monday, children need to remember to come to school with their PE kit on and bring their swimming kit with them. We are looking to our adventures in Wales next week.

Mrs Bennett.

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New After School Clubs.



NAME..... **YEAR**.....

****To secure your place you must re-register for the clubs****

Day	Activity	Starting	Year Groups	Cost	Tick to join ✓
Monday	Indoor/Outdoor Club	8 th May	PP1-P6	n/a (20 places)	
Monday	Games Club	24 th April	All	£49 (new joiners)	
Tuesday	Basketball Club	25 th April	PP1-P6	n/a	
Wednesday	Netball Club	26 th April	P3-P6	n/a	
Wednesday	Dance	26 th April		£40 (new joiners)	
Thursday	ICT Club	27 th April	P3-P6	Please re join first come basis (20 places)	

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Diary Dates **Updated**

APRIL 2017		
Tuesday 18th	Return to School	
Monday 24 th April – Friday 28 th April	Wales Residential Prep 5 and Prep 6	
Friday 28 th April – Sunday 30 th April	Winmarleigh Hall Prep 3 and Prep 4	
MAY 2017		2.50pm
Monday 1st	Bank Holiday School Closed	
Wednesday 3rd May	<i>Early Years Open Morning</i> Sunflower planting competition	
Friday 5th May	PreSchool and Reception Assembly	2.50pm
Monday 8 th	SATs Week	
Monday 12 th	LAMDA Elocution Exams	
Friday 19th May	Finish Half Term	
Mon 22 nd – Fri 26 th	Holiday Club	
Tues 30 th – Fri 2 nd June	Holiday Club	
JUNE 2017		
Monday 5 th	Return to School	
Tuesday 13 th	Class Photographs	
Thursday 15 th	Sports Day Pre School – Prep 6	1.30pm
Thursday 22 nd	Options at 11 for Prep 4 & 5	1.30pm
Thursday 29 th	Inter-House Rounders and Cricket	
JULY 2017		
Monday 3 rd	Reports to Parents	
Tuesday 4 th	Induction to New Classes	
Wednesday 5 th	Whole School Celebration Day	1:30pm – 3:00pm
Wednesday 12 th	Treat Day for Winning House	2.00pm
Thursday 13 th	P3 – P6 Production Evening	2.00pm & 7.00pm
Friday 14 th	End Of Term NO STAY AND PLAY	12:00 noon
	Prep 6 Leavers' Ball	6.30pm
Wednesday 6th September 2017	Return to School	



Swimming lessons this half term.

From Monday 24th April. Reception and Prep 6 will be going to Royton Leisure Centre for their swimming lessons.

Please come to school in PE kits and remember swimming kit, towel and hat.

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Summer Uniform List

ALL ITEMS MUST BE CLEARLY LABELLED WITH YOUR CHILD'S NAME

BOYS (Pre-School 4yrs+ - Year 6)

Navy school blazer with badge*

Navy school sweater with badge*

Tartan school tie*

Pale blue short-sleeved shirt

Grey shorts

Grey socks

Sensible black school shoes

GIRLS (Pre-School 4yrs+ - Year 6)

Navy school blazer with badge*

Navy school cardigan with badge*

Tartan school skirt* (*Junior girls*)

Pale blue short-sleeved shirt (*Junior girls*)

Tartan school cravat/bow

Blue/white striped dress (*Pre-school&Infants*)

White ankle socks/tights

Sensible black school shoes

(*low heeled and without decoration*)(*Junior girls*)

NURSERY (Children aged 2½ - 3yrs)

Sky blue school sweatshirt with badge*

Sky blue school polo shirt with badge*

Navy jogging bottoms/shorts*

Splash suit

Painting Smock

OUTDOOR WEAR

Navy school coat with badge*

(*¾ length Trutex weathercoat*)

Blue school cap* (*boys*)

Beret* (*girls*)

Navy School Bag with badge*

PE ITEMS

Sky/Navy school hoody with badge*

Sky/Navy school polo shirt with badge*

Navy/Sky school shorts with school logo* (*boys*)

Navy/Sky school skort with school logo*

(*girls*)

Navy school tracksuit trousers with badge*

Navy & Royal Blue school swimming jammers

(*boys*) costume (*girls*)*

Sky swimming cap with school name*

Pump bag*

Black pull-on pumps

Plain black or white trainers

Items purchased from the School Office

Navy Sun Hat for playtimes

Clear Water Bottle

Please note:

- . Hair Bobbles must be blue, black or white
- . No jewellery or earrings.
- . A watch maybe worn from Year 2

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