

# ***Firs Farm Primary***

## ***Newsletter 1<sup>st</sup> December 2017***

### **SCHOOL NEWS**

*This term is flying by with only 3 weeks until the end of term. The children continue to work hard and have been very busy with trips, assemblies, PTA events, school photographs, festive craft activities, cake sales and much more.*

*Keep up the good work!*



### **YEAR 6 TRIP TO THE ROYAL COURTS OF JUSTICE**

*On Monday 27<sup>th</sup>, Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> all of the Year 6 children went on a trip to the Royal Courts of Justice. They learnt about the Justice system and the different roles within the courtroom. They had a wonderful opportunity to re-enact a real case on cyber-bullying, in a courtroom. The children were complimented on their thoughtful questions and exemplary behaviour. Well done Year 6!*

### **YEAR 1 TRIP TO THE CHURCH**

*On Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> November, Year 1 visited Christ Church in Cockfosters. Using a time machine, they travelled back in time to the birth of Jesus. They visited Mary at home and saw the Angel Gabriel. They walked through Bethlehem, signed the Census, followed the star and eventually met Mary and Joseph and the Baby Jesus in the stable. They told them all about their forthcoming Nativity show and even sang one of their songs to them! What a wonderful journey!*

### **4J ASSEMBLY**

*On 20<sup>th</sup> November 4J treated us to an assembly all about the Egyptians. They had fantastic costumes and demonstrated their depth of knowledge. Well done 4J!*

### **HEALTH AND SAFETY**

*We kindly request that the children do not play with the temporary fencing in the small playground. The school has received quotes to improve the area and are awaiting final surveys. The PTA are meeting to find ways that they too can support this project. We look forward to be able to announce our plans soon.*

*Cold Weather – the forecast is that the weather is getting colder over the next few weeks. Please ensure your child has their coat, hat and gloves with them. They can also bring in jogging bottoms and school fleece/ jumper for PE sessions. We encourage all children to wrap up and take part in playtimes outside, in order to be active, have some fresh air and to support their learning. We always monitor this and change arrangements according to Health and Safety guidance.*

### **PTA**

*Thank you to the PTA for all their hard work in organising our Christmas Fayre. It was lovely to see so many of you supporting the school and taking part. We will announce shortly how much was raised and how the money is going to be spent. There is a clear rationale that money raised should be used to enrich the children's experiences in school.*

### **GYMNASTICS FESTIVAL 2017**

*All week groups of children have taken part on the annual Gymnastics festival organised by the Local Authority. It was an amazing event and our children performed with such enthusiasm and professionalism. The Local Authority commented that the standard this year was extremely high.*

*There were three categories and the results are as follows:*

*Years 1 & 2 - third place*

*Years 3 & 4 – third place*

*Years 5 & 6 – tenth place*

*Well done Firs Farm. It was a privilege to watch you perform.*

### **NETBALL FRIENDLY**

*On Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> November, our netball team played a friendly match against Wilbury Primary.*

*The children played with great energy and team work.*

*Result: Firs Farm 7 - Wilbury 1*

*Well done Firs Farm!*

*Thank you to the parents and carers for their continued support.*

### **ATTENDANCE**

*Our attendance for the year so far is 96.7%, which is well within our annual target of 96%.*

*Congratulations to 2H who have been awarded one of the monkeys for attendance this week with an amazing 98% attendance and to 5C with 99% attendance.*

*Thank you for your continued support.*

### **NEW FEATURE**

*With every Newsletter there will be a leaflet with advice about Safeguarding. Please see below for the for the second information sheet, and remember to use the Voice Box if you would like anything specific covered.*

### **PRITT STICKS**

*We kindly request that if anyone is willing to donate any pritt sticks to the school, then please hand them to your child's class teacher.*

### **MESSAGE FROM THE HEADTEACHER:**

*I feel honoured and privileged to be working alongside you at Firs Farm as we continue this term, and look forward to all exciting events planned for the end of term.*

*Best Wishes*

*Ms. Jane Pomfret*

*Headteacher*



## Safeguarding

### E-Safety

If you have any concerns about your child using the internet and keeping safe at the same time please go to:

<https://www.childnet.com>

On here you will find activities for your child to understand how to keep safe online and also lots of information for parents/carers if you have concerns about your child using the internet.



### Cyberbullying

What should you do if you think your child is being bullied online?

1. Stay calm
2. Listen without judging.
3. Tell them you can help
4. Praise them for talking to you
5. Keep the evidence
6. Ask them not to reply
7. Block the bullies
8. Let the school know

