

Firs Farm Primary

Newsletter 15th December 2017

SCHOOL NEWS

This end of term is fast approaching and we have had many exciting events. The children continue to work hard and are looking forward to well-deserved rest over the Christmas break.

Keep up the good work!



YEAR 6 TRIP TO THE GUARDIAN

A visit to The Guardian was offered to a group of Year 6 pupils as an opportunity to develop their news writing skills. Firs Farm pupils had to create the front page of the newspaper, choosing the stories they found most exciting and relevant, researching those on the internet through Google News and finding quotes from important people, relevant to the stories they wrote. In the afternoon, children had to write the stories, edit them in partners and design the front page of their newspaper using available templates. Our Year 6 children also chose the pictures to go with the stories and their captions, the headlines and the title of the newspaper. All of this was achieved in 3 hours of intense work, under time pressure, and while 'learning on the go'. 'All the children worked really hard, with enthusiasm all day- they worked well together, asked interesting questions and produced excellent front pages. It was a pleasure to teach them!' said Elli Narewska, Education Officer at the Guardian News and Media centre. We are very proud of the work our children produced, and their behaviour during this trip.

YEAR 6 SAMBA DRUMMING CONCERT

On Friday 8th December we were treated to an outstanding Samba drumming concert, performed by 90 Year 6 children. They played enthusiastically and with great rhythm. They had clearly enjoyed their sessions and we enjoyed their performance. Well done Year 6!

ROAD SAFETY COMPETITION WINNER

On Thursday 14th December Sally Symons visited the school to present the Enfield Road Safety calendar to our competition winner, Zuzanna Dul-Mroz – well done Zuzanna!

She also met with the JTAs to plan future road safety awareness projects so we will all be looking forward to the next steps for the JTAs!

NATIVITY

On Tuesday 12th and Wednesday 13th we were treated to a wonderful performance of the Christmas Story, performed by our Reception and Year 1 children. As always the children were true professionals and the show was enjoyed by all. We are very proud of all the children.

HEALTH AND SAFETY

I am pleased to announce that the PTA will be supporting the school in improving the area, which currently has the temporary fencing. The area will be resurfaced and will have some equipment installed for the children to play with. This will then be added to and further developed over time. Thank you to all the parents who support the school and the PTA.

PTA

Thank you to the PTA for all their hard work in organising our Christmas Fayre. I am pleased to announce that amount raised was £2800. This will be used to support further enrichment projects within the school.

CHRISTMAS PARTIES

Next week each class will organise an end of term party for the children. The teachers will let you know which day your child's class party will be. On that day children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 may come to school in their party clothes (appropriate clothing and shoes please). Years 3 to 6 may bring a change of clothes for the afternoon. Please ensure that any food brought into school for the parties is nut free and has been stored appropriately.

NEW INTERIM HEADTEACHER

Ms Williams has had the opportunity to visit the school and meet all the children. In order for you to meet her informally she will be holding a series of coffee mornings in January. I do hope you will be able to attend. They will run each morning of the second week from 9.15 – 9.45am.

Coffee mornings **8th January – Reception**
 9th January – Year 1
 10th January – Year 2
 11th January – Years 3/4
 12th January – Years 5/6

MESSAGE FROM THE HEADTEACHER:

I feel very honoured and privileged to be working with the children, staff and families at Firs Farm. I look forward to seeing you at the Carol Concert.

Best Wishes
Ms. Jane Pomfret
Headteacher



Safeguarding

E-Safety

Video Games – these come with an age limit!

- ◆ Please ensure that your child is playing games that are designed for their age group.
- ◆ We often hear games discussed that have a user rating of **18**; these games can contain strong violence, inappropriate language and unsuitable images.
- ◆ If you need support and are unsure of a game or an APP, please go to:
www.net-aware.org.uk

