

Newsletter



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I hope you all had a great half term. The children have come back all ready to learn and the first week has shown just how settled they are in their new classes. May I remind you that as the weather is turning, children come to school with coats and gloves etc..

Clubs have begun again this week and will run through until the last week of the Autumn term. Please make sure your child is committed to attending their chosen clubs. If you did not get the club you wanted this term, you will have first choice next term.

We have now moved from house points to the Class Dojo system. The children are collecting dojo points as their house points and they seem very happy with this new system. Please do ask your children all about it.

If you think you may be eligible for the Pupil Premium Grant then please see Mrs Dougal in the school office. This can help with uniform and trips costs as well as free school meals.

Miss Kayleigh Knight (our Year 1 teacher) is the new school Special Educational Needs Coordinator (SENCO). She has taken over this role from Mrs Dove and will be sending a letter home next week outlining her role. Please look out for it.

The FTSA have a meeting next Wednesday straight after school. Parents are welcome to attend and help organise the many events they have planned for the year.

Dates for your diary

WB 7/11/16 Sponsored Read Week

15/11/16 Parents' Evening

17/11/16 Parents' Evening

WB 28/11/16 Creative Week

Parents' Evening letters will be coming home next week. The 15th will be the early day (3.30 until 5.30) and the 17th will be the later session (5-7.30). Please sign up once you have received the letter.



Have a great Bonfire weekend and enjoy the fireworks!



Learning at Fir Tree this week

EYFS

The children have started their new topic of Let's Celebrate and have had a busy week learning all about Diwali and the story of Rama and Sita. They have made rangoli patterns and looked at repeated patterns in maths to help them. They have also made Diva lamps.

KS1

Year 1 have been looking at addition and subtraction in maths this week. In their Literacy sessions, they have been working on their 'Grammar for Jolly Cats' book and have been focusing on sentence structure including capitals, full stops and finger spaces. They have even moved on to using adjectives in their sentences. Their new topic is celebrations and they started it off learning all about Diwali. Next week they will be moving on to Bonfire Night and fireworks.

In Year 2 the children had their first class trip to the Nature Discovery Centre to look at different birds for their 'Bird' topic. They had fun making bird feeders and have had to decide where best to place them around the school.

Lower KS2

Year 3 have started their Egyptian topic and have enjoyed writing their name in hieroglyphics. They have also learned about the Hindu festival of Diwali by producing symmetrical rangoli patterns. In Literacy they have been looking at character descriptions to prepare them for writing their own descriptions of the Egyptian Gods. In maths they have finished their addition and subtraction unit by using the expanded column method.

Year 4 have started their United Kingdom topic and have been looking at some maps in Geography and understanding what countries make up the UK. In Literacy they have been writing their own haiku poems and in maths they have started a multiplication and division unit.

Upper KS2

Year 5 are continuing with their Space topic and are looking forward to going to the Trinity Space Dome next week. In Literacy they have had a grammar week looking at relative clauses and clauses that start with an ing word and using commas. In maths they have begun a fraction and decimal topic.

Year 6 have finished off their Literacy topic from last term with a hot task and have been doing some grammar work on possessive apostrophes for the Grammar for Space Cats book. In maths they have been reasoning and problem solving with measure and estimating as well. They are still learning about India as their topic and have covered the Diwali festival this week as well as learning about different climate zones.

Reminder that the Year 3 class assembly is on the 10/11/16 at 2.45pm. We look forward to seeing Year 3 parents there.