

Fir Tree News

Academic Year 2014/2015

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We are off to the Panto!



On the 16th of December, the whole school (excluding Nursery) will have their annual Christmas show trip. This year, we are off to see Aladdin at the Corn Exchange. Letters will be coming home shortly and we know that the children will have a great time!

Attendance - October

For October the overall attendance for the school was 96.1%. There were 160 sessions of authorised absence and 48 sessions of unauthorised absence.

We need to try to improve on this figure and we hope that all parents will try to ensure that children are in school for all the required sessions. We do appreciate your co-operation with this matter.

Numbers of pupils arriving late for the same period were as follows:

Before 9:30am – 65

After 9:30am – 1

All children should be in school before 9am when registers are taken. If your child arrives at school after 9am they will be recorded as arriving late.

FTSA – Psychic Evening

Tickets available at the meeting after school on Friday 7th November or From Mrs Adams or Mrs Gundry

Cold Weather – reminder

Please make sure that now the colder weather has arrived that your children come to school with the appropriate warm clothing. We have woolly hats for sale from the office. They cost £4 each.

Autumn Term 2 topics –

Acorn – Colour, Light and Shape

Apple class – Light and Dark

Ash class – Celebrations

Chestnut – Egyptians

Maple – Africa

Rowan – The Railway Children

Oak – Natural Disasters

Please see our website for the topic maps for this term. Some topics are continuing into this term as there is so much to cover.

Year 4 have been looking at symmetry in maths and put together symmetrical dances in order to help their understanding. They also looked at symmetry in the world including whether we are symmetrical!



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Fir Tree Events for Autumn Term 2014/2015

Monday 1 st September	-	INSET
Tuesday 2 nd September	-	Term begins children return
Tuesday 9 th September	-	Information evening for parents 4-6
Thursday 11 th September	-	Individual School Photographs
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Thursday 25 th September	-	Trinity Music Workshop (Year 5)
Wednesday 1 st October	-	Eat Lunch With Your Child 12-2pm
Thursday 9 th October	-	Trinity MFL Workshop (Year 5)
Friday 17 th October	-	Photo session (FTSA)
Friday 24 th October	-	End of Term 3.15pm
Monday 3 rd November	-	INSET
Tuesday 4 th November	-	Term begins children return
Thursday 13 th November	-	Trinity Science Workshop (Year 5)
Friday 14 th November	-	Open Morning for Parents 9-10am
Thursday 27 th November	-	Trinity Humanities workshop (Year 5)
Thursday 11 th December	-	Foundation Nativity 10am
Friday 12 th December	-	Foundation Nativity 2.15pm
Tuesday 16 th December	-	Whole School at Pantomime trip 1pm
Wednesday 17 th December	-	Year 6 'A Panto in a Day' 2.30pm
Thursday 18 th December	-	Christmas Concert Yr 1-Yr 6 9.15am
Friday 19 th December	-	End of Term – Finish 1:15pm

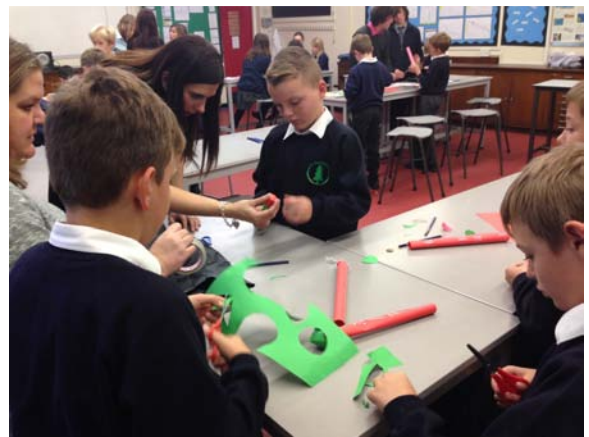
Last term, Miss Hayter's class went on a Shape and Number Walk around our local area. Have a look at some of the things they spotted.



Year 5 visit the Space Dome at Trinity

Y5 visit to the Space Dome
On Wednesday 5th November we went to Trinity School to visit the Space Dome. It was amazing. We learned about how the sun moves differently across the sky and creates the seasons. We also looked at different planets and Galaxies. After break we went into the science laboratory and made rockets out of paper and then with children from Speerhamland and some sixth form boys we launched them using compressed air. Lisa's rocket beat everyone's in going the furthest.

By Shreaya Heejebu



Year 5 sewing & using textiles to create story scenes from King Arthur.



