



Firs Estate Primary School



Autumn Term News

We have settled back into school very well and have welcomed new staff and new pupils.

We are working hard to improve behaviour and expectations for children in the school. This means children will learn better and be happier while they are here.

To help with this we have changed dinner times so that infant and junior children are not on the playground at the same time, mainly because we have a small playground and a lot of children!

In order to be successful in raising achievement, it is vital that parents and school work together. Please remember that your child's class teacher is available at the end of the day on the playground if you need a word - they are here to help both your child and you.

Our new groupings are helping the children with their learning, enabling teachers to target learning at the right level for your child. So far we have been pleased with the quality of the work the children have achieved in these new groupings.

Please remember, if you have any concerns, come and talk to us - we can only sort out problems if we know about them and we will always do our best to help.

Mrs Martin



Uniform

Not all children like to wear school uniform and we know that sometimes it can be a battle to get them to put it on in the morning. However, dressing in a school uniform in the morning helps put children in the mindset that they are going to school to learn and this impacts on the way they behave.

We notice a marked difference in behaviour for some children when they do not come into school wearing their uniform and this has negative consequences for them and for people around them. We are therefore being strict about children wearing both their uniform and appropriate school shoes. Please support us in this. Wearing clothes to school which are not our uniform makes children stand out and not feel part of the 'Firsy Family'.

We have clean, second-hand uniform which the children can wear if they come to school without theirs on, although children generally prefer to wear their own clothes. We will therefore contact you, in the first instance, to ask you to bring the correct uniform to school if your child comes without it.



Text System

Please make sure we have your correct contact details so that we can contact you if necessary. We often do this by text so if you have a mobile phone, please inform us of any changes in number.

Thanks.



PE Kits

Taking part in physical activity is vital for ensuring your child's health and well-being. During PE lessons, children learn all sorts of skills, from sporting skills to co-operation and working as part of a team. Please make sure your child has a PE kit in school. They can leave it at school and bring it home to be washed at the end of term. Thanks.



Jewellery

Please remember jewellery is not permitted in school. If children have their ears pierced, they must only wear stud earrings and must take them out for PE. Dangling or hoop earrings are not allowed in school for any reason, so please make sure you do not send your child to school wearing these types of earring. If necessary, we will contact parents to remove unsuitable earrings for health and safety purposes.



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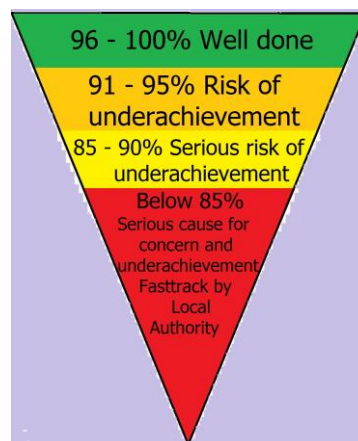
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Attendance

In order for children to have the best chance of success in their learning while at school, it is vital that they have very high attendance. Every time they are absent, they fall behind their friends in their learning and often it is difficult for them to catch up on missed skills that have been taught in their absence. In addition, maintaining friendships can be difficult if children are not in school.

Children who attend school most, make the best progress in their learning and social skills.

Please help your child succeed and have a happy time in school by ensuring they come on time every day.



Behaviour - Zero Tolerance

The vast majority of our 'Firsy Family' of children behave well all of the time. They are respectful of school rules, want to learn and want to get on well with their friends.

For this reason, we are not allowing the few who fight and disrupt learning to spoil our 'Firsy Family' ethos for the vast majority of children who don't behave in this way. The following support and sanctions are in place to help improve behaviour at Firs Estate:

- Support from the Learning Mentors in The Orchard
- Games Club run by the YMCA
- Time-out for minor squabbles
- Detention for more serious behaviour

If the strategies we are using to support children in school are not successful in helping children to improve their behaviour, we may use any of the following options:

- Off-site provision at another school
- Children attending school on a part-time basis only
- Isolation from peers in school
- Fixed term or permanent exclusion

We do not want to have to take such a hard line with children but will not tolerate a few children ruining the learning experience for the rest of the children.

Our children deserve to be safe in school and we are determined to ensure they are by not tolerating unacceptable behaviour.



Firsy Team

Other than teachers and teaching assistants, we have a number of people in school who can offer support should you want it:

- Mrs Mugglestone - Safeguarding and Families Manager
- Mrs Talbot/Mrs Ottewell - Learning Mentors
- Mrs Hoffmanova - New Communities Support

If you would like to discuss any issues with any of our team, please pop into the school office to arrange a meeting.

Coming Soon...

- 14/10/16 - Harvest Festival at St. Luke's 10am
- 19/10/16 - Firsy Film Night - £1 a ticket
- 20/10/16 - Good Behaviour Tea Party for nominated children
- 15 & 16/11/16 - Parents' Evening
- 1/12/16 - Second hand sale after school
- 2/12/16 - Y3/4 sleepover in school
- 7/12/16 - Christmas Dinner and Christmas jumper day
- 15/12/16 - Good Behaviour Tea Party for nominated children
- 16/12/16 - Carol Service at St Luke's 10am
- 16, 19, 20/12/16 - Christmas parties
- 20/12/16 - Christmas Extravaganza for parents