

# Firthmoor Primary School Newsletter

## Summer 2016

### Dates for the diary

Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> May - Pupils break up for May Half Term holiday  
Friday 27<sup>th</sup> May - Training Day for staff - pupils not in school  
Monday 6<sup>th</sup> June - Pupils return to school  
Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> July - Break up for Summer Holidays  
Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> September - Training Day for staff - pupils not in school  
Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> September - Training Day for staff - pupils not in school  
Please see overleaf for school calendar for the academic year 2016/2017.

### Pedestrian Training

Over the past few weeks, some of our pupils have been working with the Road Safety Team from Darlington Borough Council, looking at all aspects of pedestrian safety and road traffic awareness.

They were taken out into the community where they encountered real-time traffic situations, then were asked questions by the trainers about how they would react to the certain traffic conditions at that time.

Back in school, the trainers brought in a working traffic light system to teach the children about the lights' sequence and when it is safe to cross using the lights with the 'red and green man'.

### Farmyard Flyer

On Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> April, to support their topic on Farm Animals, our Nursery & Reception children had a visit from the Farmyard Flyer. This is a double decker bus filled with all kinds of farmyard animals, housing large animals on the lower deck and small animals on the top.

The children had a fantastic time learning about the animals. They met the pigs, goats, sheep (and her new lamb) and also had the opportunity to pet and stroke the smaller animals, which included rabbits, guinea pigs, and hens.

### Football

Over the last few weeks both the boys' and girls' football teams have been in action. All children who have taken part gave 100% both on the pitch and also as supporters. Whilst the girls' team have now completed all their league matches, the boys' team still have a couple to play. Here are some results of the latest matches:  
Firthmoor Boys v Northwood - WON  
Firthmoor Boys v Cockerton - LOST  
Firthmoor Girls v Northwood - WON  
Firthmoor Girls v Mowden - LOST  
Firthmoor Girls v Polam - WON  
Boys team still have matches to play against Redhall & Reid Street.

### People who help us

Throughout this term, Year 2 children have been focusing on people who help us. As part of this topic, we have had visits from the fire brigade, police and a nurse. We had the opportunity to find out more about what their jobs entail and how they help us in our community. We then used the information to create job profiles.

### Warburtons

Classes 3&4 had a special visit from Warburtons the Bakers. The children watched a video of the bread being made and packaged in the factory and how it is delivered to the supermarkets. They also got to try a variety of breads, including bagels, seeded loaf, tortilla wraps and fruit loaf.

The children were fantastic tasters and bakers and even got to make their very own healthy sandwich.

### Royal Mail

#### Young Letter Writer Competition

Huge congratulations to Kacey, our Year 6 pupil who wrote a fantastic letter as her entry into Royal Mail's Young Letter Writer Competition. In her letter, she described her dream job - which was to become a designer for canine clothing and accessories.

From nearly 100,000 national entries, the judges selected Kacey's piece as a Regional Finalist/Area Runner Up, and she won £40.00 for the school and £40.00 worth of Love2Shop vouchers for herself. She is looking forward to spending her vouchers in River Island.  
Well done Kacey!

### World Book Day

To celebrate World Book Day, pupils and staff came to school dressed as their favourite character from a book. We saw fairy tale characters, children's classics, super heroes and even a few princesses whilst walking around school that day. Our governors joined us for the day, to share some of their favourite books. Each child was given a World Book Day voucher to put towards a book of their choice.

### Top attendance

Well done to 9DM (Miss Murray's class) for gaining the highest class attendance for last half term. They won £50 to spend as a class on a treat of their choice. Information on how they spent their prize money will be posted on our website. Keep an eye out at:  
[www.firthmoor.darlington.sch.uk](http://www.firthmoor.darlington.sch.uk)