



Fir Tree Junior School Information for Year 5 Parents September 2024

Arriving at school

- School gate opens at 8.30, children go to the playground using the gates beside Silver Birch between 8.30 and 8.45. School finishes at 3.15.
- Please park outside the school gates when dropping off your child and picking up at the end of school and at the end of clubs. This is to ensure all children are safe
- Children who ride bikes or scooters must wear a helmet and all children (including younger siblings) must walk their bikes and scooters on school property
- Children are allowed to play on the playground equipment during morning break and at lunchtime only. Please do not allow your child to play on the equipment before morning and at the end of school

Information about school

- Our school website has lots of information and calendar dates including information about the curriculum and school policies
- Holidays during the school term are not authorised
- In the event that your child is not well enough to attend school or you are running late please ring the school office
- If your child is on any medication please ensure this is named and handed in to the school office and a medical form completed
- Please send your child with a pencil case (but no toys or fidgets please)
- Each child should bring their own water bottle and a healthy snack daily

Uniform

- Your child must wear the correct school uniform which is the school cardigan, jumper and fleece available to order online.
- Details are on the school website or email the school office for assistance; grey or black trousers/shorts or skirt/pinafore, girls may wear black or grey tights; white polo shirt; black, grey or white socks and black shoes.
- For the summer girls may wear blue checked dresses. Shoulder length hair must be tied up with a simple band. Hair accessories are not permitted. Jewellery is not allowed except stud earrings.
- PE Kit must be worn on PE days- black shorts or tracksuit bottoms, white t-shirt, socks and trainers. Please check the days we have PE on the generic timetable on the class page. Stud earrings need to be removed by the child or taped-child needs to bring in tape with their name on it.
- We suggest warm layers for outside PE in winter.

- Please ensure all uniform is labelled with your child's first name and surname with a permanent pen or sewn in.

Clubs

- Your child is welcome to attend our Breakfast Club, which starts at 8am.
- If you would like your child to attend Breakfast Club or have a school lunch please use our online payment system, School Gateway alternatively put the money in an envelope with your child's name and class written clearly on it.
- We also run a Fir Tree Fun Time after school club from 3.15-5.30. Sessions for this club are booked a term in advance.
- Information about our After School Club Fir Tree Fun Time is on the school website.

Your child's learning

- To keep you informed about what your child will be learning, a generic timetable is available on the class website, including a Project Overview for the term and a weekly update will be sent via email. Weekly homework will be given in children's homework books, which will include daily reading; spellings; times tables and may include other work linked to the project.
- Homework is due in on Monday and books will be returned by Wednesday.
- We encourage children to extend their learning by doing 'Surprise me Homework' - this is a great way parents can be involved in their child's learning.
- If you have any queries or concerns about your child please email the school office and your email will be passed to the class teacher.
- There will be two parent evenings - one in November and the other in March. You will also be given information on how to sign up for these in due course
- Your child will be learning to play a guitar instrument this year. Lessons will be given by the music teachers from the County music Service. We will give your further information about this in coming weeks.

E-Safety

- Please ensure your child uses the Internet safely at home and you have the appropriate safety in place. In addition please ensure your child is not able to access the Internet from their mobile if they have one. Under the age of 13, it is the responsibility of the parent to ensure their child is not accessing social networking sites. Please refer to the government guidelines for children under the age of 13. These regulations are in place for the safety of your child. The following websites provide useful information:

<https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk>

<http://www.nspcc.org.uk>