



Tuesday 1st December 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

We have reached our penultimate week of the Autumn Term and really couldn't have done it without the staff and children's hard work in school and your support at home so thank you.

Today, I write to you to let you know the latest updates:

Staff who are Leaving Firbeck at the end of the Term

Mrs Cowley has worked at Firbeck for nearly ten years and during this time, has been an instrumental senior leader and teacher at Firbeck. She has ensured that both main school and Focus Provision have worked together for the benefit of all children at Firbeck. She has led and taught the Focus Provision to excellent standards and will be thoroughly missed. Mrs Cowley will be joining the County Council as an Advisory Teacher of the Deaf. We wish her all the best for the future.

Mrs Hayes is an extremely passionate teacher who qualified as a Teacher of the Deaf during her 4 years at Firbeck. She has made invaluable contributions to the school as a whole, including developing an excellent DT curriculum, and has worked tirelessly to ensure her pupils do the very best they can and enjoy learning. Mrs Hayes will join the Nottingham City Sensory Team as a Peripatetic Teacher of the Deaf. We wish her all the best for the future.

Miss Bromberger began her early teaching career at Firbeck, working hard in what she was most passionate about – Mastery Maths. She drew on her collaborative work with other schools and implemented it in her classroom to ensure the children did their best. She moves on to another school to begin a new chapter in her career and we wish her all the best.

Staff who are Joining Firbeck from January 2021

Mr Donegani – As you already know, Mr Donegani is currently a part-time Year 4 teacher. However, after Christmas he will be joining Firbeck as a full-time member of staff and will be the new Year 3 Class Teacher. We can't wait for him to be part of the Y3 Team!

Miss Paponides – With Mr Donegani moving into Y3, our very own Miss Paponides will be stepping in as one of our Y4 teachers from January. A very exciting move forwards!

Mrs Knowles – To ensure that our Focus Provision continues to work effectively, Mrs Knowles will be our new Teacher of the Deaf, joining us for two days a week, from January. She is very experienced within Primary education and is very eager to make a difference.

Mrs Burrows and Mrs Middleditch will also be increasing their hours through the week in the Focus Provision and are looking forward to welcoming a new team member.

Christmas Dates and Events

- **Tuesday 8th December – Christmas Jumper and Christmas Dinner Day!** All children can come to school in their uniforms but with a Christmas jumper instead of their school jumper or cardigan. We can't wait to see them all!
- **In the last week** – Your class teacher will get in touch with details of your **Christmas Party Day** in school. Due to COVID-19, we won't be able to share food as normal but your teachers will write to you and let you know what your child can bring in for themselves to eat/drink.
- **Tuesday 8th December** – Last day for your child to bring in any **Christmas cards** they want to give to their friends. We will leave them for 48 hours and then give them out to the recipient to take home before we break up for school.
- **Friday 11th December** – Last day of Autumn Term.
- **Monday 4th January 2021** – First day back in Spring Term.

We want to make this time as special as we can for our children because it continues to be a challenging time for them. We hope that we succeed in this and that they enjoy the last of the Autumn Term and then have a very merry Christmas/winter holiday at home with you and loved ones.

I wish you a safe, healthy and happy break.

Yours faithfully,



Miss Cao
Head of School