



# FIR BANK PRIMARY

*'Where everyone matters'*

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Dear Parent / Carer,

As we come to the end of another school year we would like to take the opportunity to say thank you for your continued support and patience during this time. Staff have continued to work hard in school providing catch up tutoring both during the school day and after school whilst also providing home learning for children at home during isolation periods.

## Teaching Staff for September

'Hello and goodbyes'

It is with great sadness that we are saying goodbye to Mrs Dolan, Miss Johnson and Mrs Millar. Playgroup staff have also made the decision to retire, enabling us to open our own Fir Bank Nursery Class in September.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank them all for their dedication, hard work and support they have given to Fir Bank over the years. We wish them all the luck in the world as they move to the next stage of their life. Good luck, you will be missed.

From September we welcome Miss Kellie Round who will be joining the Fir Bank team to teach Rainbow Class (Nursery).

From September classes will be as follows:

**Early Year Unit-** Rainbow Class (Nursery) and **Green Class** (Reception)- Miss Round, Miss Simpson, Mrs Smith, Mrs Kerrigan, Mrs Harrop.

**Blue Class** (Year 1)- Mrs Knuckey/ Miss Bird

**Yellow Class** (Year 2) - Mrs Hanley-Wood/ Mrs Bull

**Red Class** (Year 3)- Miss Briggs/Mrs Dale

**Orange Class** (Year 4)- Mrs Watts/Mrs Mellor

**White Class** (Year 5) - Miss Dyer/Mr Pecket/Mrs Derbyshire

**Purple Class** (Year 6)- Mrs Taylor/Mrs Scholes

## Summer Reading Challenge

Once again, we are encouraging all children to get involved with the Summer Reading challenge led by Oldham Library Service. This is a fantastic way of keeping your child reading over the summer and a chance for them to choose their own book from an 'actual real-life library'. This year's challenge is the 'Wild World Heroes'. The Oldham Library Service is teaming up with WWF and the Reading Agency for a very special nature-themed Challenge that will inspire children to stand up for the planet!

Children should have taken home a Wild World Heroes booklet and a library card that will they will be able to use at the library. In September, children can bring their evidence into school so they can be presented with a certificate and a medal for completing the challenge. Please look out for an email that outlines all the information you need.



For more information please follow the link below.

<https://www.oldham.gov.uk/info/200280/libraries>.

Reading books- Children will take home their reading for pleasure book. Reading scheme books will be collected in before the summer break.

### **School uniform**

School uniform is available to order from My Clothing, please follow the link below:

<https://myclothing.com/fir-bank-primary-school/16949.school>

Book Bags, P/E Bags, Water Bottles, Swimming caps (Red Class) & Ties (Year 6 only) will be available to purchase from school, via ParentPay from September.

### **School Dinners**

The Oak Trust have increased the cost of school dinners to £2.50 per day from September, which is less than the cost of local authority dinner. Please remember to inform the school office, via email/letter, if your child changes dinner arrangements, one-week notice is required.

### **September Opening**

We are keeping our fingers crossed that restrictions will be lifted and school can return to 'normal' in September. We will still continue to encourage children to wash/santatize their hands when entering school, before lunch and before children go home, as part of our good hygiene practice.

We are so proud of all the children at Fir Bank. They have demonstrated great resilience and determination during another unsettled year. They continue to amaze and inspire us each and every day.

Finally, good luck to our Year 6 children. We wish them all the very best for the future as they move onto their next phase of their education. We will miss you all!

We hope that you have a restful summer break and the sun shines throughout.

School opens on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> September for children in years 1-6 at 8.45am.

Yours sincerely,

Rachael McLaughlin & Rob Walker  
Co-Head Teachers

