



COMMUNITY LEARNING

COURSE 1: KS1 – SPaG 101 For: Year R, 1,2 & 3 parents

Starts: Monday 27th September TIME: 1:30-3:15; 5 weeks

It's not too late to join the class of Autumn A from session two next Monday. This is a great opportunity to learn how to support your younger child(ren) the tricky bits of the English curriculum alongside other parents – and there are biscuits. <https://bit.ly/FIRKS1SPAG>.

The **next** community course will be focused on **listening to children read** and supporting them in developing this skill. This should begin on **Monday 8th October (tbc)** and would also be useful for anyone interested in volunteering in school for this purpose.

SCHOLARPACK PARENTS APP

It's great to see that numbers of parents using the Scholarpack Parents app are climbing day-by-day. As well as allowing parents to let us know about updates to contact numbers and allergies, the online absence reporting tool has seen some use this week too.

Registration codes (sent home last week) do expire so please don't let the envelope fall right to the bottom of your 'to-do' pile!

Parents Teachers and Friends of Fir Ends (PTFFE) Meeting

The PTFFE will be holding a meeting at school on **Wednesday 6th at 4pm** (with coffee from 3.30pm).

With many parents new to the school this year and last, it would be great to see new faces who will be able to bring new ideas for the next six years of successful fundraising and community events! Don't worry, you won't be thrust straight into any official roles – this is an opportunity to discuss what parents would like to achieve and keen to support in future, so plans can begin to be formed to do so. Childcare for children of school-age can be offered for the princely sum of £1 during the meeting.

COVID - STAY ALERT

Public Health have reported that school-age children represent 50% of all Cumbrian cases. When we consider that school pupils represent just 15% of all Cumbrians, it's apparent that this remains a significant challenge.

Although we've been relatively unaffected at Fir Ends to this point, please remain cautious when mixing in the wider world that children inhabit.

NHS HOME COVID TESTS

Home Test kits remain available through the school. Simply order via this form and we'll send them home with your nominated child.

<https://bit.ly/FIR-LFD-ORDER>

PLAYTRAIL PROGRESS

Mrs Schollick has been tallying up the sponsorship monies as they have come in this week and we are hugely appreciative of the children's efforts towards the costs of repairing the playtrail on the school field.

So far, she has counted just over **£1200** raised – far beyond our initial expectations! WOW!

