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Dear parents/carers,

## Kids' Club, January Invoices



January invoices for Kids' Club have been issued, on 15th December. To secure your child's place, please ensure payment is made by **Monday 5th January**.

Kindly note that any requests for changes to bookings received from the 15th December will be applied from **February's Wraparound Care** schedule. Thank you for your continued support and cooperation.

## Christmas Tree Festival & Choir Performance

Last weekend, The Firs were delighted to take part once again in the annual Ampthill Christmas Tree Festival at St Andrew's Church.



A huge thank you to all the children and staff for creating such wonderful decorations around the imaginative theme 'Christmas Around the World'. The creativity and effort that went into every decoration really showed – our tree looked absolutely fantastic!



Our Choir also performed on Saturday and, as always, made us incredibly proud. Singing beautifully to a packed audience at St Andrew's, the children performed with confidence and impeccable behaviour. Well done to everyone who took part, and a big thank you to Mrs Wadsworth and Mrs Jamieson for leading the choir so wonderfully.

What a lovely way to celebrate the festive season together!

## Christmas Craft Week in Saplings

This week, Saplings enjoyed a wonderful Christmas Craft Week and were delighted to welcome parents into the setting to join in the festive fun. The children took part in a range of activities, including biscuit decorating, making reindeer food and creating Christmas decorations, with plenty of sparkle and creativity throughout the week.



It was lovely to see so many happy faces and to share such a special time together. Thank you to all the parents who joined us and helped make the week so enjoyable and memorable for the children.

## A Festive Week of Nativity Celebrations at Firs

Last week, Firs School was filled with festive cheer as students performed in our annual Christmas Nativity celebrations. Each year group gave outstanding performances, first during dress rehearsals for their peers, followed by two shows for proud parents, grandparents, and other family members.

Congratulations to all our young performers! After weeks of preparation and rehearsals, their hard work truly shone on stage.



We extend our heartfelt thanks to our dedicated staff for guiding the students, creating props, and designing stage sets, as well as to our parents for crafting the wonderful costumes that brought the nativity stories to life.

The PTFA also played a vital role in adding festive cheer, serving refreshments, mince pies, and running raffles at

each performance.

## Saplings and Pine Class Magic Show

Our Reception Class and Saplings Pre-school children enjoyed a truly magical morning of entertainment thanks to Krisgar Entertainments. The halls were alive with laughter and singing, filling the school with the joyful sounds of the festive season. 🎄



We are incredibly grateful to our PTFA for organising this wonderful experience. Events like these create lasting memories for our children and remind us of the special magic that Christmas brings to our school community.



## Christmas Jumper Day at The Firs



What a wonderful festive celebration we enjoyed! Everyone looked fantastic in their Christmas outfits, and the school hall was filled with joy as teachers and children shared a delicious Christmas dinner together. The cheerful sound of jingle bells set the perfect holiday mood, and everyone joined in singing along!

A huge thank you to everyone who has supported our fundraising for Save the Children. We've already raised **£191**—and there's still time for a few more generous donations!



[Firs' Christmas Jumper Day](#) Fundraising link

The children also enjoyed their Christmas meal this lunchtime... a big thank you to our Caterlink Kitchen team for all their festive efforts!

## Inspiring Music



The children really enjoyed the performance from Lucy Amos and a colleague from Inspiring Music on Friday 5th.

They talked to children about the exciting opportunity to offer instrument tuition on a range of brass instruments, which will compliment the violin, viola, guitar and piano lessons already offered. The details of this offer can be found on the leaflet brought home by children today and in the document attached with this newsletter.

## Catch Up on Our Festive Moments on Facebook and Instagram!

We've been busy over the Christmas period and have shared lots of lovely moments on our school Facebook and Instagram pages! Take a look at what we've been up to, and don't forget to like, comment, and share your favourite posts. We'd love for you to join in and celebrate these special moments with us!

[The Firs Lower Facebook](#)

[The Firs Lower Instagram](#)



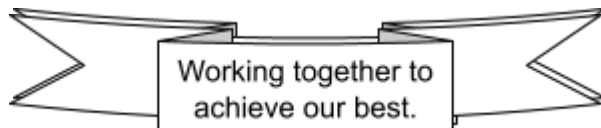
## Final Assembly

Today we held our final assembly.

We announced that Willow class had won the [Accelerated Reader trophy](#) and that Elm class had won the [Attendance Trophy](#) for the autumn term. Congratulations to Willow and Elm. More details are available on our website shortly- see links above.

Our assembly was an opportunity to thank all the adults in school and the PTFA and congratulate our children on all their hard work over the term. We enjoyed singing Christmas songs we had been practising in Friday assemblies, including our traditional rendition of The 12 Days Of Christmas, children choosing a member





of staff to hold each of the picture cards for each line.

The PTFA came into assembly and the prizes for the Christmas cracker competition, which added to the festive fun.

After this, Father Christmas made an appearance and delivered lots of presents to all the classes. The children were very excited and then went back to class to enjoy opening their presents.

## End of Term Thoughts

We have come to the end of another busy term and the staff would like to take this opportunity to thank all our parents / carers for their help and support.

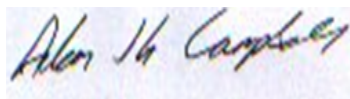
All the children have worked really hard all term and it is lovely that they have enjoyed a variety of Christmas activities in the last few weeks. They have taken great pleasure in watching each other's Christmas concerts and there have been very enjoyable Christmas parties for everyone to end the term.

This is a time when we can reflect on the many adults who make a huge contribution to life at The Firs and we thought about this and thanked them for their contributions in assembly.



Finally, and on behalf of all the staff and Governors I would like to wish you all a very enjoyable Christmas and Happy New year. We look forward to seeing all the children back in school on **Tuesday 6th January**.

Yours sincerely,



Adam Campbell  
Headteacher