



Newsletter

Issue No: 4
Date 19th October, 2018
www.firslower.co.uk

Working together to
achieve our best.

Chair of Governors: Gareth Jones

Governors: Sue A'Court, Celia Bennett, Adam Campbell, Paul McKinney, Fran Sherry, Phillip Clarke, Jeremy Ramsden, Laura Gilson, Jon Wilson and Jason Hart

Dear parents/carers,

The Saplings Pre-School Building

We are very pleased to announce that the planning application to build our 40 place Pre-School has finally been approved and we can now work with the Local Authority and our partners Cube Building Consultancy, to commence the tendering process. We are very excited about having this on our school site and we will keep you all updated as the work progresses.

The Firs School Ball

We would like to say a very big thank you to the PTA for their superb work in organising our Ball on Saturday 6th October. It was a wonderful evening and all the finishing touches made it such an enjoyable event. This evening raised an amazing £13,330 which we are extremely grateful for. Well done to our PTA for another memorable and successful evening! We would also like to thank the main sponsors: Taylor Wimpey, Shhh Bar, Fratellis, Kez's Dry Cleaning, Damn Good, MAC Consulting, Autotech, Akarmalife, Dr Barbers, Meadway Construction, Nexus Planning, plus nearly 100 prizes for the auction and raffle prizes donated by lots of very generous local businesses.

PTA AGM and Read Write Inc. Evening

Our PTA AGM and Read Write Inc. evening took place on Wednesday 10th October and we would like to thank all the parents who attended. I would like to take this opportunity to thank all members of PTA for all their hard work throughout the year.

PTA Committee members as follows:- Danine Maskill, Chair, Rebecca Ellis, Vice Chair, Elizabeth Abbott Treasurer and Jo Freeman as Secretary.

I hope all the parents who attended the Read Write Inc. part of the evening found this useful. A big thank you to Mrs Mercer for organising this event. As promised a copy of the powerpoint is available on our website.

Harvest Assembly

On Tuesday we had our Harvest assembly which was led by Michael Trodden from St Andrews church and we would like to thank you for your generous Harvest donations. The produce went to the Food Bank which serves Central Bedfordshire and we have packaged up some parcels for the local care homes in our area. Thank you for your continued support.

Staff Vacancy

We have a vacancy at our Saplings Pre-School for a qualified Level 3 Practitioner to start as soon as possible. This post is for 11hrs per week, working on a Wednesday and Thursday from 9.10 – 3.10 both days. The job description is attached to this letter. If you are interested in this post, please email sue.acourt@firslower.org or look at our website www.firslower.co.uk under 'school information then 'staff vacancies'.

PTA School Discos and Dress Down Day

A thank you to the PTA including the many parents who came along on Friday after school to help with the discos. The children really enjoyed both occasions and the opportunity to have a dress down day on the day before half term.

Premier Clubs for next half term

Gymnastics

This club will focus on children learning gymnastics skills such as shapes, balances, jumps, rolls, travelling and using specialist gymnastics equipment throughout the sessions.

Nerf Wars

This brand new club gives children the chance to use child friendly Nerf Equipment. Children will learn skills such as hitting targets in the shooting range and teamwork, all through fun and active games. (All Nerf Equipment is provided at these sessions)

Booking is simple! Just open the document attached, and follow the links to Premier's booking page. For more information, contact details are also on the attached document.

School Photographs

The proofs went out with the children on Wednesday and your order needs to be back to school by **Tuesday 30th October** as all the orders will be collected then. Alternatively, you can place your order online within this timescale.

Autumn Date Sheet

Attached is an autumn date sheet for your information. Please keep this so that you can refer to it. A copy of this will be placed on our website but please pop into the office if you would like a paper copy.

Caterlink – Our School Meals Provider

We have been asked by Caterlink to send out a message regarding outstanding payment of school meals. It is imperative that schools meals are paid for on the day that your child is having a school meal. Please ensure that your ParentPay account has enough money in there to cover the payment of your child's school meals. Caterlink will not be providing meals unless they are paid for. All outstanding amounts must be paid for by the close of school today.

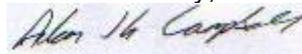
Parent Consultation Evenings

All our children have worked very hard and made lots of progress this half term and it was lovely for us to have the opportunity to meet with you all in our recent consultation evenings. Thank you to all the many parents / carers who attended. If for any reason you missed talking to your child's class teacher, then please do not hesitate to contact the school after half term and we will be very happy to arrange a time for you to meet.

Training Day

On Monday 29th October the school will be closed for staff training. We would like to wish you all a good half term break and look forward to seeing all the children back in school on Tuesday 30th October.

Yours sincerely,



Adam J G Campbell
headteacher