



Newsletter

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Dear parents/carers,

A Few Christmas Thanks Yous

We would like to thank all the parents for their kind donations towards the party food– it was greatly appreciated by all the children, who thoroughly enjoyed their Christmas party. We would like to thank all the children and staff in YR-Y3 for their very enjoyable and successful Christmas productions. It was lovely to see the first Christmas performance at The Firs by The Saplings children. It was a wonderful performance which the parents really enjoyed. We would like to thank all the parents who helped provide costumes for the Christmas plays and to those who helped on the day. Your help is greatly appreciated by all the staff and children. Finally, a big thank you to our PTA for their hard work and the fantastic support they have given the school this term.

School Choir

We wanted to take this opportunity to congratulate the school choir for their fantastic performances this term. We've have mentioned in a previous newsletter about the choir singing beautifully at St Andrews Church a few weeks ago. The choir also sang at Agate House and Lavender Court on Monday this week, entertaining the residents with a collection of Christmas songs. The children performed extremely well and were a credit to The Firs and we would like to say a big thank you to them and to Mrs Freeman for all her hard work in organising this event. We would also like to thank Miss Hill for her help with the choir each week and to the many parents who accompanied the children to Lavender Court and Agate House. On both occasions the supervisors commented on their beautiful singing and fantastic behavior. The residents also very much appreciated the Christmas cards written to them all by the children in Year 4 and I would like to take this opportunity to thank the children and staff in year 4 for this lovely idea.

Christmas Dinner

We would like to say a big thank you to Candice Charles, our kitchen manager and her team, who worked very hard to produce a wonderful Christmas lunch on Tuesday. In our Firs tradition, everyone wore Christmas hats and the children were served by the teaching staff. It was a lovely occasion and I would like to say a big thank you to all the staff who took part.

Staff Car Park

Alameda Middle School will be working with us to keep children safe by monitoring our car park, along with staff members from the Firs. This will start in January and will include periodic inspections where the road will be coned off and this will ensure that permitted cars only will be allowed to enter the site. Please support us by **NOT** entering the service road leading into our car park unless you are dropping off children at Kids' Club.

Premier Sport and Teddy Sport Clubs

Information about the clubs on offer when we come back to school in January are on our website under 'Letters Home' then 2018-2019. All you need to do to book Premier Sport is click on 'Click here' on each club and it takes you directly to the booking page. For Teddy Sport book via their website www.teddytennis.com/Milton-Keynes.

Wear a Christmas Jumper Day

It was lovely to see all the children dressed up for Christmas on Monday in support of 'Save the Children'. We raised £116. Thank you for all your support.

PE Kit

We always ask the children to take their PE kit home for washing over the holidays and we would like to take this opportunity to ask parents to check that their child's kit still fits and that their PE clothes are all named and returned for use in the New Year - thank you.

Kids' Club and The Saplings Invoices

Invoices for Kids' Club and The Saplings have been issued this week and this is just a reminder that prompt payment via ParentPay should be made – thank you for your support

Grafham Medical and Dietary Forms

A letter has been sent out to Year 4 pupils today inviting parents to come to complete the medical and dietary forms for your child on 8th January from 3.30pm – 5.30pm. The letter has also been placed on our website.

Schools Meals– Years 3 and 4 only

The meal amount for the next half term is as follows:-

Meals for half term commencing 03.01.19 (27 days)	£58.05
Meals weekly payment	£10.75

Please pay via ParentPay for all your school meals and ensure that there is always enough money in your account to cover your child's meals.

Please ensure that all arrears are cleared so that you are back into credit.

Christmas Assembly

Today, Father Christmas made an appearance during our Christmas assembly and delivered lots of presents to all the classes. The assembly ended with the staff and children dancing to 'I wish it could be Christmas every day'. The children were very excited and then went back to class to enjoy opening their presents.

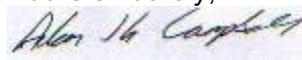
End of Term Thoughts

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

All the children have enjoyed a variety of festive 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 this week. Again, the PTA organised an outside provider for the Christmas pantomime which took place on Friday 7th December and all the children thoroughly enjoyed this. They also kindly paid for an entertainer who visited The Saplings on Wednesday 12th December which the children and parents really enjoyed. 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 Thursday 3rd January.

Yours sincerely,



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headteacher