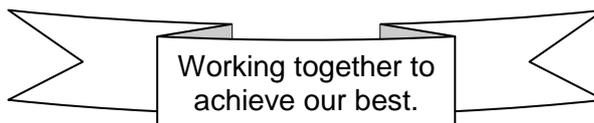




Newsletter

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Dear parents/carers,

Fun Run

The PTA Fun Run took place last Friday, 14th June and was a hugely successful and enjoyable occasion. It was lovely to see so many of you there supporting this event and the weather was so kind to us. The children did fantastically well, running round the field and we greatly appreciate your support by sponsoring your children. Everyone was very impressed with all the stalls and the show put on by the children's entertainer was enjoyed by everyone. A huge thank you to Dan Maskill, Jo Freeman and the PTA team, for working together to create such a super event, to Deborah Rogers for helping organise some of the stalls that our staff ran on the evening and to all the staff who helped on the night and to all the parents and children who came along to join us.

Congratulations to all the children in Year 3 as they had 30 children competing in the Fun Run. As a reward, they have won the right to dress down on Friday 28th June!

Winners of other competitions for the Fun Run will be announced in assembly this Friday.

Staffing Update for September

Firstly, we are very sad to tell you that Mrs Willis will be leaving us at the end of this school year to take a slightly different direction with her career. She has made a strong contribution to our school during her time with us and will be greatly missed by us all. I am sure you will all join us in wishing her the very best for the future.

In the table below, you will see where each teacher will be working next year. Some teachers are remaining where they are and some are moving and all the staff are very much looking forward to working with the new staff teams in September:-

Mrs Mercer	Acorns
Mrs Coombes	Conkers
Miss Wallis	Holly Class
Miss Arulrasa	Maple Class
Mrs Brady and Mrs Haddon	Beech Class
Mrs Freeman	Cedar Class
Miss Hill	Elm Class
Miss Hamilton	Hazel Class
Miss Blake	Oak Class
Mrs Rogers	Willow Class

Extreme Reading Challenge

Thank you to all the fantastic entrants to our Extreme Reading Challenge. We will be creating a display in the hall of all the amazing laces children have been finding to enjoy a book. We will announce the winner of this competition on Friday in our merits assembly.

Year 1 Trip

Year 1 went to Milton Keynes Museum on Monday and they all had a really wonderful day. In the morning they had a tour of an old fashioned parlour, school room, laundry, kitchen, street of shops and worker's

cottage, with a short lesson in the schoolroom and a chance to use the dolly tub and mangle in the laundry. We also got to explore different types of toys that were around. After lunch, they explored the other areas of the museum and also visited the Hall of Transport, the street of shops and the Communication Gallery. We would like to thank all the parent helpers and staff who accompanied the children on the trip and to the year 1 staff for organising such a fantastic trip.

Year 2 Trip

Last Thursday, the Year 2 children enjoyed a day out at Woburn Safari Park. The weather was really kind to them and the children saw lots of different animals. They had a tour guide on the coach who told the children lots of information about the animals and they enjoyed some shows. The children were taken on a train around the park and the day finished off with an educational talk about animals and their food chains. Thank you to all the parents who helped on the day and to the year 2 staff for organising such a great experience.

Open Days at The Firs

We are holding 2 open days at The Firs for parents of children who are due to start school in September 2020. The first open day is on Wednesday 3rd July during the day and the tours will take place at 9.30am, 10.30am and 2.00pm. The following open day will take place on Monday 14th October from 7.00pm – 9.00pm. Please contact the school office on 01525 402735 if you would like a tour. Thank you.

KS1 and KS2 Sports Morning

A text message was sent out earlier to let you know the new dates of the sports mornings for KS1 and KS2. KS1 (Years 1 and 2) will be on Friday 5th July and KS2 (Years 3 and 4) will be this Thursday 27th June. Both sports mornings will run from 9.30am until 12.00 noon.

Chums Cake Sale

A group of Year 4 pupils organised a cake sale in aid of the charity 'Chums' today.

Chums is a charity that started as a voluntary service supporting bereaved children and their families. Today, CHUMS supports over 3,000 referrals per year. They help children with a range of different emotional needs and do fantastic work in Central Bedfordshire.

The children planned the cake sale themselves and were very pleased with all the donations of cakes or biscuits. The cake sale was very well attended and the Y4s did a brisk trade taking in £50.00, which will be donated to Chums. Thank you to everyone for their generosity.

Can You Help?

It has come to our attention that parents are leaving their car engines running when dropping their children off outside school in the morning. Car engines have apparently been left running for an excessively long time. Please can you help us by turning off your car engines if you intend staying in your car for a long time. This will greatly improve the environment – thank you.

Fiddle Fiesta 3rd July

Children will need to wear school uniform and bring their own instrument and packed tea

- 3.45-4.15 - assemble and set up - parents to bring children and leave
- 4:15-5:45 - rehearsal
- 5:45-6:30 - children have tea
- 6:30-7:15 - free concert for parents and friends

Water Bottles, Sun Hats and Sun Cream

Please can you make sure that your child has their water bottle in school each day. The weather is now getting warmer and it is so important that the children are kept hydrated. We want to ensure that children are protected from the sun and would ask that they bring in a sun hat each day and sun cream that they can apply themselves

Yours sincerely,



Adam J G Campbell