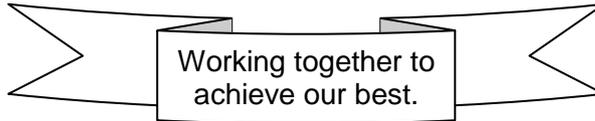




Newsletter

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Dear parents/carers,

Our value this month is freedom

In school, we have explained to the children that freedom is about having choice. They should use their freedom wisely - choosing without being influenced by their peers, and making choices that don't hurt others.

We are asking parents/carers at home to send in a note if they think their child has demonstrated freedom, describing how they showed this value. We will celebrate some of their achievements in assembly (if they are happy with this). Examples of using freedom wisely, might be:

- Making a choice that is true to them/making the right choices - even though friends may be making different choices.
- Considering the feelings of others when making choices, e.g. 'I chose to be the Pirate Captain, but I won't boss everyone about or treat them badly. I will let others have a turn.'
- Respecting the right of others to be free to make their choice, without trying to influence them.
- Using free speech wisely – taking care to use kind words so they don't upset other people.

Music Concert

On Tuesday evening, we held our annual Spring Music Concert which was a great success. The audience enjoyed listening to a wide variety of music provided by our violin, viola, piano, guitar and brass players. There was also some lovely singing by our choir and the evening ended with some of our Year 4 choir singing the well-known Abba song 'Slipping Through my Fingers', which included some children taking on solo parts. The children all sang beautifully and it was so lovely to see how much their confidence has grown in their time at The Firs. Thank you to the PTA for organising refreshments, our peripatetic teachers, Miss Hill for helping with the choir and Mrs Freeman for her superb work leading the choir. Thank you also to Mrs A'Court for organising the programme and helping with the running of the evening. We would also like to thank our children for all their hard work in practising and for their wonderful performances – well done to you all!

Y2 Seaside Day

Yesterday the year 2 children had a fantastic day learning all about the seaside. The teacher from 'History off the Page' really brought the topic to life and the children were fascinated by many of the artefacts he brought within such as cameras through the ages and seaside paraphernalia from the past. There were lots of practical activities for the children to get involved in, a very entertaining Punch and Judy show and in the afternoon they all enjoyed their 'visit to the seaside pier' role play activity. Thank you to the Year 2 staff for organising this event and to the many parents who came to support it on the day.

Easter Assembly

Today, our Easter assembly was led by Michael Trodden from St Andrews Church and during our assembly, the winners of the Easter raffle were presented with their Easter eggs by Danine Maskill, Chair of our PTA, who kindly joined us. We would like to thank all the parents who supported this and to the PTA for their hard work in organising this. We would also like to say a big thank you to Michael Trodden for attending this assembly and many others in the past. Michael is retiring this year and we would like to wish him well for the future. During our assembly we also said thank you and goodbye to Philip Clarke who has done so much for the school in his time as a governor.

Charity Coffee Morning

On Saturday 27th April, one of our Teaching Assistants, Michelle Watts, is running a Charity Coffee Morning to raise much needed funds for the Cystic Fibrosis Trust, a charity close to her heart. The charity provides support for individuals and families affected by Cystic Fibrosis as well as funding research and lobbying Government for access to new medicines. Michelle would be grateful for any good quality, pre loved, toys and games to sell at the Coffee Morning. We would ask you to kindly bring these donations in to the School Office as soon as possible after the Easter break. Thank you.

Payment of school meals – Years 3 and 4 only

Please ensure that money is deposited into your ParentPay account if your child is having a school dinner. Here are the prices for next half term.

Every day for the next half term, commencing 23 rd April – 24 th May = 23 days	£49.45
Daily payment	£ 2.15

Y4 Roman Day

The new date for our Y4 Roman Day is Thursday 25th April. If you have any questions relating to this day, please talk to the school office team or the Y4 staff.

Naming of school clothing

Can we please ask that all items of school clothing is clearly named. We always have lost property and this would be easily given back to the child if items were clearly named. Thank you for your support.

Dogs on the school Site

As you are aware, dogs are not allowed on our school site for reasons of safety. It has come to our attention that some dogs are being left tied up inside the school grounds which is not permitted. Also, we have had concerns from a parent that the amount of dogs tied up at the main entrance to the school is excessive. This makes it very difficult for children to leave the school site safely, particularly when children have a fear of dogs. Please can we ask, that when you bring your dog to school, you tie them up safely, away from the main entrance and ensure that your dog is not obstructing the parents and children who are leaving the school at the end of the day – thank you.

Summer Term 2019 Date Sheet

We are currently working on our summer term date sheet and this will be available just after the Easter holidays. It will be emailed out to you and put on our website.

Premier Sport Clubs – Summer Term

On Wednesday, an email was sent to all parents of children in Y1-4 with an attachment about Premier Clubs in the summer term. If you would like your child to attend any of the clubs on offer, please sign up as soon as possible to avoid disappointment – thank you.

We hope you all have a good Easter break and we look forward to seeing all the children back in school on Tuesday 23rd April.

Yours sincerely,



Adam J G Campbell
Headteacher