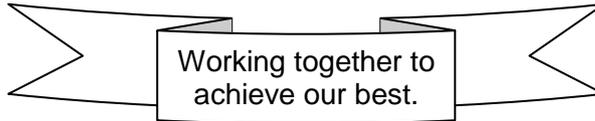




## Newsletter

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Dear parents/carers,

### Bedtime Stories

The 'Bedtime stories' event was highly successful and it was lovely to see so many of our children enjoying a bedtime story in their pyjamas after school. We would like to thank the staff members who stayed on after school to contribute to the 'Bedtime Stories' as part of our World Book Day arrangements. We would also like to thank the PTA for organising 'the café' and to the many parents who came along to support the evening.

### World Book Day

The day started with an assembly, where some children and the staff shared what characters they had come as. We also looked at who we read with, when we can read and where. We have launched our Extreme Reading Challenge today too, so we are sure to hear about some amazing places where our children read soon!

The children were very excited to come dressed as their favourite character and see the staff were dressed up too! They had a fantastic time all day, enjoying World Book Day activities in their classes.

In addition, the children loved the reading sessions with the many parent and grandparent volunteers who joined us in the hall, during the day, to share the children's books. Thank you to all our volunteers, for doing such an amazing job today!

Thank you to all the staff for entering into the spirit of the occasion so fully and to all the parents and carers for your support in finding costumes for the children, it has all helped to make the day so memorable for them.

You can see lots of pictures from the day in our pictures gallery.

## **Extreme** Reading Challenge

The children have already taken a letter home about this.

We are passionate about reading at The Firs and we want to know where is the most interesting place your child has ever read a book?!

Whether it is up a tree or on top of a mountain, we want your photos! Your challenge is to take a picture of your child reading somewhere extreme and send it in to school by **Friday 26th April**.

**To help us with the display we will be creating, please bring in a 5x7 or 6x4 size photo in an envelope marked 'Extreme Reading Challenge' (with your child's name / class by Friday 26th April.)**

We will let you know who our VIP judges will be in a future newsletter but there will be a 1st, 2nd and 3rd place chosen. (The lucky winners will receive book tokens kindly donated by the PTA.)

We are really looking forward to seeing who in school has such a passion for reading that they have to do it anywhere and everywhere! Good luck and we hope you have lots of fun reading in some amazing places!

### **Comic Relief – Friday 15<sup>th</sup> March**

A letter was given to the children on Wednesday this week to take home, giving you information about what we are doing to raise money for Comic Relief next Friday, 15<sup>th</sup> March. This letter was also emailed to you and has been put on our website. We are asking that children come into school that day, in non-uniform, wearing something red and donations will be taken on the gate – thank you for your support.

### **‘Smart Learners’ – Looking Smart, Behaving Smart, Working Smart!**

A letter we emailed to you tonight will go out in paper form with our children to take home on Monday, regarding information about ‘smart learners’ and what we expect from our children. Please share this with your child and we thank you for your support with this.

### **The Firs Academic Calendar**

We wish to remind parents that Central Bedfordshire has changed its 2019/2020 Academic Calendar and these changes will be adopted by local schools, including The Firs. The February half term date was originally published as w/b 10<sup>th</sup> February. Please note that this is now w/b 17<sup>th</sup> February 2020. The 2019/2020 calendar is available on our website.

### **Kids’ Club and Saplings Parents**

ParentPay has been updated with February’s wrap around care. Please logon to your ParentPay account and make payment, if you have not already done so – thank you.

### **Message from Caterlink – Years 3 and 4 and Saplings Children**

If you wish your child to have a school meal, please ensure that your ParentPay account is in credit. Please check your account and clear any arrears and top up with sufficient funds to take you through to Easter – thank you.

Yours sincerely,



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Headteacher