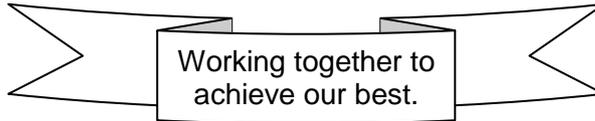




## Newsletter

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**Chair of Governors:** Gareth Jones

**Governors:** Adam Campbell, Paul McKinney, Fran Sherry, Jon Wilson, Louise Haigh, Jason Hart, Annette Anderson, Jason Manley-Donlon and John Ashley

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Dear parents/carers,

### **Walk to School Week beginning 20<sup>th</sup> May**

The Living Streets organisation has created the **greatest national Walk to School celebration** where pupils and grown-ups around the UK unite for one week of walking to school.

Each year they develop a new **five-day walking challenge** aimed at primary schools - the perfect activity to take part in during Walk to School Week.

This year, to celebrate their **90th anniversary**, the challenge will get to the heart of walking and how it can benefit the whole community as well as improve individual wellbeing.

At The Firs we will be taking part and children will be coming home with an activity diary next week. Children will earn rewards of stickers or badges by walking to school during the challenge week. For more information visit The Living Streets website [www.livingstreets.org.uk/wtsw](http://www.livingstreets.org.uk/wtsw)

### **New Governors,**

We are delighted to be able to announce that we will be formally welcoming our 4 new governors, at our governors meeting next week. Our new governors are Louise Haigh, Annette Anderson, Jason Manley-Donlon and John Ashley who, I know, will make a fantastic contribution to our already hardworking and supportive governing body.

### **Extreme Reading Challenge**

You'll remember that we launched the Extreme Reading Challenge as part of our celebration for World Book Day last term and we have received several entries. We have had some enquiries from parents who would like to submit an entry and we will accept these late entries as long as they are in school by Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> May. Thank you for your support.

### **What is the Summer Reading Challenge?**

The Summer Reading Challenge takes place every year during the summer holidays. You can sign up at your local library, then read six library books of your choice to complete the Challenge. There are rewards to collect along the way, and it's FREE to take part! In Central Bedfordshire, the challenge begins 20 July and there are activities to join in at the libraries. After completing the basic 6 book challenge, children are encouraged to continue reading and there is a family theatre ticket prize at each library, for the child who reads the most books.

The Summer Reading Challenge website helps you keep track of your reading all year round: find new books to read, take part in competitions and mini challenges, and play games.

For Further information: [www.centralbedfordshire.gov.uk/summer-reading-challenge](http://www.centralbedfordshire.gov.uk/summer-reading-challenge)

### **Caterlink Menu on Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> May**

Caterlink are having a special Italian pasta day on Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> May Please see the attachment with this newsletter. We hope lots of children will have school dinners on this day to enjoy the lovely meal on offer.

### **Parent Forum**

The third meeting of our parent forum will take place next Thursday, 16<sup>th</sup> May in The hollows at 2pm – 3.15pm. If you have not already been to a parent forum meeting, please come along. It's a great way to meet people and for us to get to know you in a relaxed atmosphere with a cup of tea, coffee and biscuits.. Your views are important to us and it's so good to have the chance for a chat altogether. The current members of the parent forum are:-

Helen Rossetti, Gayle Harrison, Leigh Corbett, Caryn Evirgen, Sarah Best, Vicky McQueen, Claire McChristie, Rebecca Ellis, Teja Parbhoo, Lisa White, Anita Wilson and Caroline Wise.

If you can make Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> May, please complete the tear-off slip in the letter emailed out to you with this newsletter.

### **Chicks in Pine**

The children in Pine have been very excited this week at the arrival of the chick eggs! We are pleased to say that all ten eggs hatched successfully into fluffy chicks and the children are thoroughly enjoying watching them. Next week, the children will have the opportunity to handle the chicks as well. If anybody would like to home a chick (or chicks), please let a member of Pine staff know before Friday 17<sup>th</sup> May as that is when the remaining chicks will be collected and taken back to the farm. We would like to take this opportunity to thank the PTA for funding this valuable experience. The children have gained so much learning from it.

### **Updated Summer Term 2019 Dates**

Please find attached the updated summer term 2019 dates to include the Pine trip to Shepreth. A paper copy of the letter has gone out to all the Pine children today and it has also been emailed. The trip is now on Friday 24<sup>th</sup> May.

### **European Elections**

The school will be open on 23<sup>rd</sup> May, when the school will also be used as a polling station. In order to ensure the safety of pupils from both schools, there will no vehicle access to the school car park apart from school staff, school coaches, official taxis and kids club drop off between the hours of 8-9.15 and 3-4pm. Kids club parents will be issued with a "car pass" next week to have on display. Central Bedfordshire Council will be providing security staff on the day to implement these arrangements. Thank you in advance for your co-operation.

### **Headlice**

Headlice are doing the rounds again. It is imperative that you check your child's hair regularly and treat if necessary. After treating, please continue by combing through the hair with a nit comb. It also helps by applying conditioner to the hair which helps when you comb through. Please support us with this – thank you.

### **The Wildlife Trusts**

Please see the attached flyer for information about activities around the Greensand Country during May.

### **Holiday Club**

The holiday club will run from Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> July until Friday 26<sup>th</sup> July for children aged 3 – 9 years and information has already been emailed out to you. If you require a paper copy, please pop into the office – thank you.

### **PTA Disco and Dress Down Day**

The PTA Disco and Dress Down Day is next Friday, 17<sup>th</sup> May. The cost of the disco is £3.50 and the letters went out yesterday with the children. Suggested donation for dress down is £1 and this will be collected on the gate to raise funds for the PTA – many thanks for your continued support.

### **2 Scooters missing from the Scooter Pods**

Can you please check at home to see if you have the correct scooter. Recently a parent has reported that she has had 2 scooters taken from the Scooter Pods. If you have any information about this, please let the school office know.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Adam J G Campbell", is written over a light blue rectangular background.

Adam J G Campbell  
Headteacher