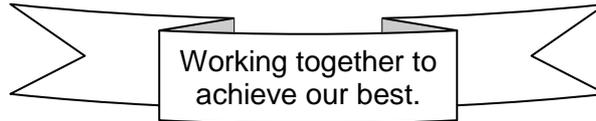




## Newsletter

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Dear parents/carers,

We would like to welcome you all back after the Easter holidays and hope you all had a good break.

### **Firs Football News from Bex Kirkup**

The Firs Football has grown so much over the last few years and we now have over 100 children registered with the club, which is amazing!

This is creating a great community for the children and parents that are involved each week, with lots of parent volunteers in coaching the children, arranging fixtures and supporting with refreshments on the sidelines!

This in turn is leading to football players being selected by local clubs including MK Dons, Stevenage and Luton etc to further their involvement in the sport.

Over the Easter Break, 5 of the year 3 boys attended their first residential trip with Luton, staying away from home for 3 days and playing matches at the end of the stay.

We also had a Year 4 child representing Luton Town at a tournament out in Holland, travelling with his team and staying away from home. They were the overall winners of the whole tournament, which is a great achievement for the team!

Please look on The Firs School website to view some of the pictures taken at these events.

### **Open Day at Ampthill Fire Station**

Ampthill Fire Station will be holding their open day on Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> June from 12.00 – 4.00pm. Come along and meet your local firefighters. There will be a chip pan fire demonstration, splat the rat, blaze alley, dunk the firefighter, raffle, BBQ, cakes and ice cream!

### **Year 3 Art Trips to Henry Moore**

The year 3 art trips to Henry Moore Sculpture Gardens were very successful with Hazel Class attending on Wednesday and Elm Class attending today. The children were treated to a guided tour of the artist's workshops and gardens, finding out more about his life, his techniques and the stories behind his sculptures. After lunch they all had the opportunity to explore the sculptures further and produce their own sketches. Staff and members of the public commented on their politeness, good behavior and artistic knowledge and skills. We would like to thank Mrs Rogers and Miss Hill for organising these trips, the staff who attended and the parents who accompanied the children on the days. Photos of the days will be published on our website shortly.

### **Year 4 Roman Day**

On Thursday, Year 4 held their annual Roman day to kick start their topic on the Romans. The children found out about Roman clothes, participated in a slave auction and learned all about the Roman army and why it was so successful. They very much enjoyed taking part in the drama sessions as part of the day and we would like to say a huge thank you to all the parents / carers at home for all their efforts in providing such fantastic costumes for the children, which really added to the fun and the sense of excitement that made the day so special. Thank you to Year 4 for all their efforts in organising the day.

If you would like to see any of the photos which show the high points of this successful day, please have a look at our website where their pictures will be shortly.

### **School Closure on Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> May for Elections and update re use of school as polling station**

Just a reminder that the school will be closed on Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> May for the elections. A letter was emailed out to parents yesterday and is also on our website.

Following the letter referred to above, we would like to give parentys a further update following conversations that we have had with Central Bedfordshire Council. Although the use of our site as a polling station is a decision made by the Local Authority, I am very pleased to inform you that they have committed going forward, to making arrangements to provide security staff for any future elections. This will enable us to remain open.

### **Year R Have Fun on Balance Bikes!**

Alistair Barclay our partner at Sustrans, Central Bedfordshire has been into school to introduce the Year R children to balance bikes in preparation for learning to ride a bike. This has been a super experience for the children and they have had lots of fun.

### **Summer Date Sheet**

The summer date sheet was sent out today to all the children and it is also posted on our website. The YR trip is still to be finalised and we will let you know next week when and where they are going.

Yours sincerely,



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Headteacher