



#### 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

Dear parents/carers,

You have already been emailed about the events below and a letter is being sent home with the children today:-

### PTA AGM – Monday 30<sup>th</sup> September

The PTA AGM will be taking place on Monday 30<sup>th</sup> September at 7pm. Our hardworking PTA do a fantastic job organising an exciting programme of activities for everyone to enjoy. They also raise very valuable funds, which make a great contribution to our continuing efforts to improve our provision. Working with the PTA is also a great way of meeting new parents and getting involved with the school and so we would love to see lots of you at our AGM on the Monday.

## **RWI Curriculum Evening – Monday 30th September**

On Monday 30<sup>th</sup> September, we will be holding our Read Write Inc. evening, just after the PTA AGM. This evening is for our new Pine parents and also for any new year 1 or 2 pupils who will be following RWI. We would love it if you could arrive at 7pm for the AGM and then stay, to join us for the curriculum evening at 7.30pm. The PTA will be on hand, providing refreshments, including a complimentary glass of wine!

The Read Write Inc. evening will be a very important chance for you to find out about our exciting and effective reading programme. We will be giving you an overview of why we think Read Write Inc. is so effective, the way a Read Write Inc. lesson works and ideas about how you can support your child at home. So come along on Monday 30<sup>th</sup> and meet 'Fred the Frog', learn about his 'Fredtalk' and find out why all the teachers sometimes wear pinnies!

### **Parent Consultation Evenings**

The boards for signing up for parent consultation evenings will be out in the school hall on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> October. They will take place on Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> November and Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> November. If you are unable to come in and sign up when the boards are out in the hall, please contact the school office from Monday 7<sup>th</sup> October and the office staff will be happy to help you with this – thank you.

### Harvest Assembly

Our harvest assembly will take place on Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> October at 9.05am and will be led by Gordon Hamilton from the 'Need Project' which is a charity that meets the immediate and essential needs of local families. We are asking for non-perishable food items to be brought in ie. tins and packets which will be displayed during our assembly. All donated food will be given to the Need Project and also to care homes in Ampthill. Can you please bring your harvest items into school at 8.45am on Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> October. Thank you for your support.

### Headlice

Headlice are doing the rounds again. Please check your child's hair and treat if necessary. Even after treatment, it is so important to continue treating with conditioner and a nit comb on a regular basis to ensure all the nits are out of the hair. Your support with this is greatly appreciated.

# **Lunchtime Clubs**

Your child should be bringing home information today, about what lunchtime club they are in. Not all children got their choice of club and have been put on a waiting list. We still have spaces however in science club.

# **Mrs Miller**

Mrs Miller retired in the summer holidays after working at the school for 34 years. We would like to thank her for all the time she has devoted to The Firs and I know that she is greatly missed by the children and staff. I am sure that you would want to join with all her colleagues in school to thank her for her impressive years of service and wish her the very best as she begins her well earned retirement.

# Aldi's Kit for Schools

This term we're collecting Team GB stickers with **Aldi's Kit for Schools** for the chance to be one of 20 primary schools to win £20,000 to build a health legacy at our school!

From 6 September–3 November, when you spend £30 or more in any Aldi store, you'll receive a special Team GB sticker – if our school works together to collect 300 stickers, we will automatically receive an exclusive school sports kit, in addition to entry into the £20,000 prize draw!

Please send any stickers you receive into school with your children, or sen in to the school office, and we will add them to our Aldi's Kit for Schools sticker poster.

Yours sincerely,

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