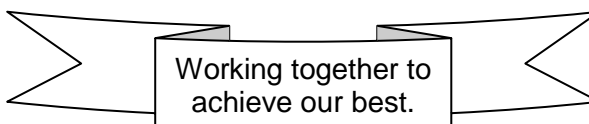




Newsletter

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Dear parents/carers,

Choir Singing at Redborne

The choir were invited to perform on the afternoon of **Sunday 3rd November** at Redborne's Connolly Hall, where they had the opportunity to sing with the backing of a live orchestra.

The children sang alongside Templefield Lower School and had assistance from members of some of the Redborne choir.

This was a fantastic opportunity not only to see and sing with an orchestra live, but also to experience the amazing atmosphere that an event like this presented.

The following day we received an email from Charlotte Payne, the Music Director from Inspiring Music who congratulated our choir in putting on such a fantastic performance of such a high standard. We would like to say a big thank you to Mrs Freeman, for organising our contribution to this wonderful event and to Miss Hill, who also accompanied the children on the day and helped, along with Mrs Freeman of course to inspire our children to sing with such gusto!.



Rugby Festival

Last week some of our Year 3 and Year 4 children took part in this year's 'Redborne School Sports Partnership' Tag Rugby Festival, held at Samuel Whitbread School. The children were split into two teams and competed in five 10 minute games, playing against other lower schools from across Central Bedfordshire.

The Rugby Football Union believes competition at this stage of a child's development should be about mass participation, enjoyment and improvement, therefore the festival focused on the competitive opportunity that the sport of rugby provides, not the outcome.

All our players performed extremely well, showing great team work and team spirit; an absolute credit to The Firs. Many tries were scored, and, if tries were being counted, most of our games would

have had a winning outcome.

We would like to thank

Miss Hill for organising this event and acting as head coach for one of our teams, along with Miss Tiller, who was the head coach for the other and a true rugby supporter from the sidelines. Well done to all the children who took part!

Rewards were given out to the teams who demonstrated the School Games Values of Honesty, Passion, Teamwork, Self-belief, Determination and Respect. The Firs were awarded with Honesty and Teamwork, and at the end of a fun and exciting



event – Rugby was the Winner!!

Remembrance Day Parade



Last Sunday, 6 children from Year 3 and 4 represented our school at the Remembrance Day Parade which started at St Andrews Church. Mrs Sherry, Miss Davanna, Mrs Stephenson-White and Mrs Williams kindly accompanied the children along with their parents. The children then



paraded through the town and up to the war memorial where they laid a wreath on behalf of The Firs Lower School and The Saplings Pre-School. We would like to say thank you and a big well done to the children who were a credit to the school and to the staff and parents for being with the children throughout.

Flu Vaccinations



If you have not already done so, can you please bring your flu vaccination forms into school by **Monday 18th November**. This is to ensure that your child gets their vaccination at school. If you are late with your form, you will have to make other arrangements for the vaccination. The flu vaccinations will take place at The Firs Lower School on Tuesday 3rd December for all those who have returned their forms.

Anti-Bullying Week

We will be marking 'Anti-Bullying Week' from Monday 18th November with an assembly and over the course of the week, the children will learn about the problems of bullying and how to deal with them. On Friday 22nd November, we will be asking children to come into school, wearing odd socks with their **school uniform**, in order to mark anti-bullying week.



Children in Need



It was lovely to see the children in their spots today to support 'Children in need'. To those of you who contributed, we would like to thank you by donating to this wonderful cause. We took £256.70 in donations this morning and sold £262.70 in merchandise. Thank you so much for your generous support!

Parent Forum

A letter is attached regarding the next Parent Forum meeting, which will take place on Thursday 28th November at 2.00pm in The Hollows. Please let us know if you can come along – we hope to see you there! In response to an idea from the Parent Forum, we now have a school suggestion box which is situated in the entrance hall. We would welcome parent feedback posted here or emailed to the school office. Any ideas, comments or suggestions will brought up with the Parent Forum in our regular meetings.

Healthy Snacks


As you will remember, we sent some healthy snack guidance home recently, to support parents in helping us with our 'Healthy Bodies and Healthy Minds' campaign. The guidance sheet is available on our website in the 'letters home' section. We would be very grateful if you could look at this together with your child and agree on appropriate snacks for them to bring into school at playtime. Thanks for your support.



Christmas Tree Festival

The Christmas Tree Festival will be taking place this year on Saturday 30th November and Sunday 1st December. As usual, The Firs will be entering their Christmas tree and this year we are asking for recycled cds or dvds. A letter is attached for your information – thank you for your support.

Yours sincerely,



Adam J G Campbell
Headteacher