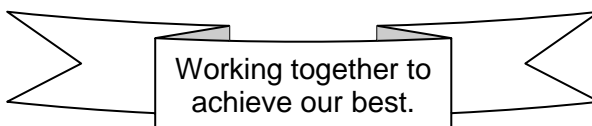




Newsletter

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Dear parents/carers,

Assembly with The Firs School Choir

Today in assembly, our school choir sang a few of the songs which they are due to be performing at the Christmas Tree Festival at St Andrews Church tomorrow morning. They have been working so hard with Mrs Freeman and Miss Hill in preparation for their morning at St Andrews Church and they sang beautifully for the school and all the children were very impressed!

Choir Singing at the Christmas Tree Festival

Our choir will be singing at St Andrews Church on Saturday 30th November at 11.30am for the Christmas Tree Festival. Thank you to all the parents who will be accompanying their children and to Mrs Freeman and Miss Hill for working so hard with the choir and who will be attending on the day.

Christmas Tree Festival



The Christmas Tree Festival will be taking place this year on Saturday 30th November and Sunday 1st December. Please pop to St Andrews Church this weekend to see our Firs Christmas tree which has been beautifully decorated by Mrs Brady from recycled cds and dvds that have been made to look very Christmassy by all the children. Thank you to Mrs Brady for working so hard in co-ordinating this and to all the children for their superb efforts with the decorations.



Dance Festival

On Monday, Miss Hill and Mrs Ashby accompanied 10 children from Y3 and Y4 to show case a dance piece based around the theme of anti-bullying. They all performed really well at Redborne School and a video will be available to view on the website very soon. Miss Hill reported to everyone in assembly today that they had done so well that they had been invited to take part in a Primary School County Dance Competition in the new year.



PTA Christmas Craft Fair

The PTA Christmas Craft Fair will take place this Saturday 30th November at The Firs School, from 3 – 5pm. If you have not arranged to be there, you can pay on the door. This has always been a superb afternoon and a great way to kick off Christmas. The PTA have been working very hard in organising this event and would like to thank all the parents for all their help and support with this event. Hope to see lots of you here on Saturday!

The Firs Lower School News app

Just a reminder that you can stay up-to-date with all The Firs Lower School's latest news and events by downloading our FREE School News app from your app store. A flyer for your information is attached to this newsletter.

Plea for a mud kitchen for Pine

Do you know of somebody who would be willing to spare some time to make a mud kitchen out of wooden pallets (similar to the one shown in the picture below) so that it can be added to the existing one we have in Pine? There are so many learning opportunities to be gained from exploring a mud kitchen, such as imaginative play, writing their recipes etc and we would love to make it larger so that more children can benefit from these experiences. If you are able to help (or know of someone who can), please could you contact the school office. Many thanks.



Flu Vaccinations

The flu vaccinations will take place on Tuesday 3rd December for children in Year R – Y4 whose form was brought in by Monday 18th November. We have been informed that any forms brought in after that date will not be processed and therefore your child will not be vaccinated on 3rd December. The nurses will however be able to let you know where your child can have their flu vaccination.

Christmas Performances – Reminder

December	
Monday 9 th	Y1 dress rehearsal in the morning. 9.30am start For parents with younger siblings and other family members Saplings Performance to parents in the afternoon. 2.30pm start
Tuesday 10 th	YR dress rehearsal in the morning. 9.30am start For parents with younger siblings and other family members Y1 performance to parents in the afternoon. 2.00pm start
Wednesday 11 th	YR performance at 2.00pm.
Thursday 12 th	School closed for General Election
Friday 13 th	Y3 dress rehearsal in the morning. 9.30am start For Parents with younger siblings and other family members Y3 performance to parents in the afternoon. 2.00pm start
Monday 16 th	Y2 dress rehearsal in the morning. 9.30am start For parents with younger siblings and other family members
Tuesday 17 th	Y2 performance to parents in the afternoon. 2.00pm start

When coming to any afternoon performance, **please make sure you bring your ticket with you** – thank you.

Christmas Dinner

Our Christmas dinner this year will be on Wednesday 18th December. If your child does not normally have a school dinner but would like a Christmas dinner, please let the school office know.



Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Adam J G Campbell".

Adam J G Campbell
Headteacher