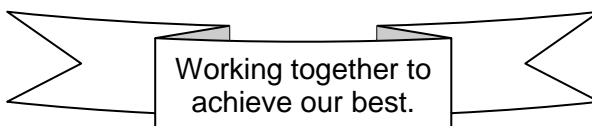




## Newsletter

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Dear parents/carers,

### Our value this month is love.

At school, we have talked to the children about demonstrating love for others through positive thoughts and actions. We have discussed how love is about caring and sharing, listening to others and celebrating their successes and cheering them on.

We are asking parents/carers at home to send in a note if they think their child has engaged with this month's value – love. We will celebrate some of their achievements in assembly (if they are happy with this).

Examples might be:

- Showing particular care for another person.
- Sharing something they value with another person.
- Taking pride in and celebrating the achievements of a sibling or friend.
- Putting the wishes of another person before their own.



### Spring term date sheet

The Spring term date sheet which was sent out last Friday has been amended and the latest version is attached to this newsletter. This is also available on our website.

### Cake Sale in aid of The World Wildlife Foundation

We would like to thank you for your kind donations of cakes in support of the WWF, who are taking a leading role in supporting the recovery efforts in Australia. Thank you to Florence in Y2 for leading the way with this and to Mrs Freeman and all the staff who helped to organise and run the stall. We are so pleased to be able to tell you that we raised a very impressive £521.00 which we will donate to the WWF. This was an amazing amount and without your support, this would not have been possible.



### Urgent Safety Message

As we said in our email to you today, we are very concerned that due to some Firs and Alameda parents continuing to use the service road and parking in our staff car park, there have been a number of near misses, relating to the safety of our children.

Alameda and ourselves have arranged for a Health and Safety Officer to complete a risk assessment in this area, as we are extremely concerned, that despite several reminders in our newsletters asking that parents do not use our car park unless they are dropping off or picking up from Kids' Club, the situation has not improved.

The safety of our children is paramount and for this reason, the car park will be regularly checked, to ensure that any unauthorised use of the car park or service road is challenged. We will also write to you again, once the risk assessment has been completed. **Please help us to keep this area safe** - thank you for your support.

### Year 4 Intergeneration Visits!



On Monday, Willow Class visited Baycroft Care Home and Senior Village in Flitwick, where they spent the morning with some of the residents taking part in activities to help them get to know them, including making Rice Crispie Cakes! Both the children and the residents thoroughly enjoyed the interaction and it was lovely to see Willow Class getting so much out of their visit.

Next Monday, Oak Class will be visiting Baycroft and we will let you know how they all get on.

We would like to thank all the parents who helped with accompanying the

children on this trip and to Mrs Rogers for organising this wonderful opportunity to get involved with the wider community.



### Parent Forum

The next Parent Forum meeting will be held on Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> February at 2pm in The Hollows. (*many apologies for the change of date!*) We will be approving the previous minutes and discussing points raised at the last meeting. We will also be discussing changes to our curriculum and the development of our Kids' Club. If you can come along, we would love to see you on Wednesday. There is a letter attached about this and if you can come, please let us know by returning the tear-off slip and return it to school. You may also email the school [office@firslower.org](mailto:office@firslower.org) to let us know. Thank you as always for your support with the Parent Forum.



### Dogs on The School Premises

It has come to our attention that parents are occasionally bringing their dogs into school by carrying them in their arms. We understand that bringing the dog into school, to welcome your child, is a lovely thing to do, but due to the possible health and safety risks that bringing an animal on site might represent, we would ask that you adhere to our policy and follow the 'No Dogs Allowed on this Site' signs— thank you for your support.



### Bikeability in Year 4

Last Friday, Oak Class took part in their Bikeability session in preparation for their residential visit later this term. Today it was Oak class who had their turn. The children thoroughly enjoyed the experience and made real gains in their confidence whilst learning how to improve their riding skills. Thank you very much to our Y4 parents and carers for making the great effort, bringing in children's bikes.

### **I'M Worth It – parent courses to support return to work**

With this newsletter and on our website, you will find some information regarding courses being run by 'Develop' on behalf of Central Bedfordshire Council. The courses are designed to support parents and carers who are trying to return to the work place. There are further details, for anyone interested, in a leaflet available in the foyer.

### **February Half Term**

As this is the last newsletter until after the February half term, we would like to wish you all a good break. February half term begins on Monday 17<sup>th</sup> and we look forward to seeing all the children back in school on Monday 24<sup>th</sup> February.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Adam J G Campbell".

Adam J G Campbell  
Headteacher