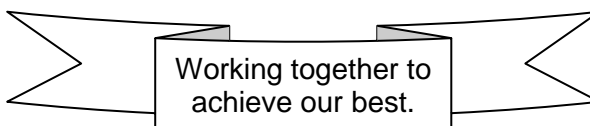




Newsletter

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Dear parents/carers,

Football Teams - Firs Y1 against Russell Y1

On Saturday the Firs School Y1 Football team took part in their first ever football match on Saturday against Russell Lower School. This was the first game for both sides and we hope it's a day to remember for both sets of players. It was a great turn out for the monumental affair and the boys played extremely well. The final score was 11-3 to The Firs. Well done to everyone who took part!



Swimming Festival

On Wednesday, 12 children across Years 3 and 4 attended a swimming competition organised by the Redborne School Sports Partnership against several other schools in the local area. The children attended Flitwick Leisure Centre and were split into two teams with 8 children competing in the big pool and 4 children in the small pool. The children tried their best and were extremely successful. The children took part in several different activities in both pools. Out of 10 teams, The Firs team placed 3rd in the big pool and 2nd in the small pool.



We are extremely proud of what they have achieved not just with regards to the results but also in the values they showed throughout the event and the way in which they supported not just each other but other teams too. Well done to everyone who took part!

Year 4 Trips to Baycroft

Due to the current situation with the coronavirus outbreak, visits to Baycroft for the Year 4 children have been suspended until further notice. We would like to thank all the parents who have supported us on our trips to Baycroft. We will let you know when the situation changes.

World Book Day

The day started with an assembly, where some children and the staff shared what characters they had come as. We also looked at who we read with, when we can read and where.

The children were very excited to come dressed as their favourite character and see the staff were dressed up too! They had a fantastic time all day, enjoying World Book Day activities in their classes.



In addition, the children loved the reading sessions with the many parent and grandparent volunteers who joined us in the hall, during the day, to share the children's books. Thank you to all our volunteers, for doing such an amazing job today!

Thank you to Mrs Brady for organising the day and to all the staff for entering into the spirit of the occasion so fully. Thanks also to all the parents and carers for your support in finding costumes for the children, it all helped to make the day so memorable for them.



World Book Day Bedtime Stories

The 'Bedtime stories' event was highly successful and it was lovely to see so many of our children enjoying a bedtime story in their pyjamas after school. We would like to thank the staff members who stayed on after school to contribute to the 'Bedtime Stories' as part of our World Book Day arrangements. We would also like to thank the PTA for organising 'the café' and to the many parents who came along to support the evening.



Scholastic Book Fair

Thank you to everyone who supported the Scholastic Book Fair. All profits raised through the book fair will go to buying books for our children which amounted to £500. Thank you again for your support.

Coronavirus Update

Yesterday, I wrote to you, to give you all an update regarding the coronavirus, which was also emailed to you. As we informed you yesterday, we began asking our children to wash their hands as they come into school this morning. We would like to say a big well done to all our children, especially the youngest pupils, who were so sensible and washed their hands really carefully, which helped the process to be completed quickly and efficiently. Well done to all our children!

Year 4 Grafham Update

We are in the midst of making our normal preparations for our Grafham Residential which begins on the 25th March. We understand that there is a high degrees of uncertainty to do with the current situation around the coronavirus, although at the moment, we are fully expecting to undertake the visit as normal.

We will be emailing all year 4 parents today, attaching a statement issued yesterday by The Grafham Water Centre, detailing their response to the current situation, which we feel parents will find reassuring.

The statement can also be found on our website in the letters home section and on the Coronavirus page in the parents' section.

Spring Music Concert

We have made a decision to postpone our music concert on 30th March due to the Coronavirus. We will let you know when we have a new date for this event and we thank you for your understanding.

Teddy Tennis

Please find attached a flyer about Teddy Tennis Club starting in the summer term. Please follow the instructions to enroll your child onto this if they would like to participate – thank you.

Sport Relief Day

Sport Relief inspires the nation to raise life changing amounts of money and take on some of the world's most pressing problems through the power of sport. Today we raised £223.50 for Sport Relief and would like to thank everyone who supported this.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Alan H. Carpenter'.