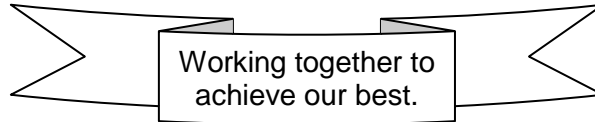




## Newsletter

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**Chair of Governors:** Gareth Jones

**Governors:** Adam Campbell, Fran Sherry, Jon Wilson, Louise Haigh, Annette Anderson, Jason Manley, John Ashley and Joanna Milne

Dear parents/carers,

### Remembrance Day

In Willow Class we talked about what war means and the children's knowledge of war. We made a list of words associated with war and talked about why wars begin, the conditions of war, what happens when the war is over and how there are wars happening all over the world at some time. The children talked about their relatives and their involvement in the Second World War. We then focused on the First World War. We read a book entitled 'Where the Poppies Now Grow' by Hilary Robinson and watched a video about Remembrance Day, how the poppy became a symbol for the British Legion and how the collection money helps veterans of war. The children practised drawing the poppies growing in Flanders Fields and added descriptive phrases about war using their senses. They then added a poppy they made from card to represent those worn on Remembrance Day by us who will never forget their sacrifice.



### Anti-Bullying Week

#### Year 4

In Willow Class we watched 'The Big Anti-Bullying Assembly 2020' and looked at other resources from the Anti-Bullying Alliance. We discussed what bullying is, different types of bullying, how people might feel and how we could all play our part to ensure that it doesn't happen. With the theme of 'Unite Against Bullying' this year we each decided what we could do to prevent bullying and completed puzzle pieces recording our pledges. Together, we united them to show that as a team we would work together on this. Following on from 'Odd Socks Day' on Monday we sang and did some cool moves to Johnny and the Odd Sock's song about uniting against bullying and how everyone is different and unique just like odd socks. We recorded on our own odd socks what is different about us and what makes us special. We then hung them on our washing line to celebrate our differences with others.



In Oak Class discussed bullying and how to recognise it. The children thought about what they could do to help the victims of bullying and under the banner 'United against Bullying', they each created a jigsaw piece describing their personal commitment to the prevention of bullying.

#### Year 2

In Year 2 children have been working to get anti-bullying week certificates. They are awarded for children showing values such as kindness, caring, patience, being helpful, sharing and being good friends to each other. Here is a picture of some of the children from Beech.



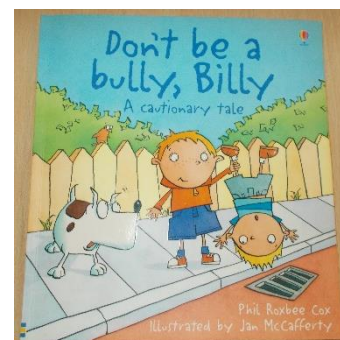
### Year 3

In Year 3, the children have been thinking about the positive ways to interact with one another. They thought about the qualities that were they felt the most important, in guarding against bullying and added them to their own hand image. They have added these to a colourful 'Kind Hands' display in the Y3 corridor.



### Year R

In Pine the children have thought about what bullying means and have listened to stories with an anti-bullying theme. Here they are enjoying... read by Mrs Coombes today.



### Year 1



In Year 1, the children watched the Pixar clip 'For the Birds'. We had a lovely whole class discussion about why the little birds were mean to the Big Bird. Children said that it was because he looked different to the other birds and then we talked about how the Big Bird would have felt. We wrote a letter to the Big Bird apologising about being mean, writing as the little birds. Year 1 have also enjoyed drawing some pictures of how they can be a good friend.

### **School Business Manager Appointed**

We are very pleased to be able to tell you that we have appointed a School Business Manager, following the interviews that took place last Friday. Katherine Jukes will be taking on this role and will be starting with us from 11<sup>th</sup> January, 2021. We all look forward to working with Katherine and Celia Bennett, our current School Business Manager will now be retiring at the end of January in order to give the school sufficient time for a handover.

### **Premises Manager Vacancy**

We currently have a vacancy for a Premises Manager and the information can be found on our website [www.firslower.co.uk](http://www.firslower.co.uk). The closing date has been extended to 30<sup>th</sup> November and the interview date is 4<sup>th</sup> December.

### **Message from the PTA**

*If you shop Amazon Black Friday Week deals from 20<sup>th</sup> - 30<sup>th</sup> November, you can do more than discover great deals: Simply shop at [smile.amazon.co.uk/ch/1053803-0](https://smile.amazon.co.uk/ch/1053803-0) or with AmazonSmile ON in the Amazon Shopping app, and AmazonSmile donates to Firs School Parent Teachers Association at no extra cost.*

### **Staff Car Park**

Please do not use our staff car park as it is for use by staff only. The Saplings area is for parents using the pre-school and should not be used by parents who are dropping off or picking up their children to/from the main school. Kids' Club parents also make use of the car park but this is not at busy times. This week there have been a few near misses and some damage to staff cars which is not fair to staff. Please help us by NOT using our car park – thank you.

### **Election of Parent Governors**

We advertised in a previous newsletter that we have a vacancy for a parent governor. We are very pleased and grateful to have had 2 nominations for this appointment so therefore we will need to hold a ballot. I attach personal statements for each applicant and a ballot paper, which should be returned for the attention of the headteacher by **Monday 30<sup>th</sup> November, 2020**. Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Adam J G Campbell". The signature is written in a cursive style and is positioned above the printed name.

Adam J G Campbell