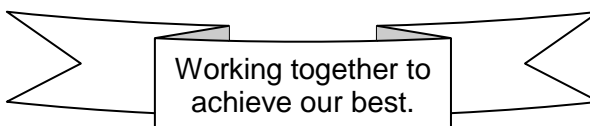




## Newsletter

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Dear parents/carers,

### **Class Christmas Celebration Afternoon Reminder – Monday 14<sup>th</sup> December**

As mentioned in a previous newsletter, this year, each class will have an afternoon of Christmas celebrations when the **children can come to school in non-uniform** and celebrate on the same day. Please remember that the children will be going outside for their breaks and they will still need warm layers underneath their coats. We will be providing each child with their own snacks which the school will be funding.

### **The Firs Lower School Supporting Families over the Festive Period**

We have been over-whelmed with your generosity in supporting families over the festive period. We have had an amazing amount of produce and we cannot thank you enough.

This will mean so much, to so many families. Below is a picture of the amazing amount of items we received:



All the donations were collected by the [Need project](#) on Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> December, and they were delighted that we had offered to help and had collected so much, as they are supporting an unprecedented number of families at the moment.

Just so you are aware of the scale, the [Need Project](#) are looking to give out 1200 selection boxes for children of families they are supporting, so all the many items donated so generously by you all, will make a real difference to so many children across Central Bedfordshire. Thank you to you all for showing how caring a community The Firs really is!

### **Parent Governor Vacancy**

Thank you to everyone who has sent in their ballot papers. Please remember that we will be unable to accept ballot papers after 9am on Monday 14<sup>th</sup> December.



## Displays Around The School

As parents are not able to get into school at the moment, we wanted to share with you, some of the lovely displays that have been going up around the school in the last few weeks.



Winter poems  
from Year 1

Winter... by Y2





Winter art by children in Pine



Fantastically scary Dragon Eyes by Y3...





Year 4 have created a fantastic Iron Man display to show off their tasty Iron Man Menus!

Year 4 added this commentary for us... *In Year 4 in literacy lessons we have been studying the book 'The Iron Man' by Ted Hughes. The main character is an immense man made out of metal who has a head as big as a bedroom and eyes that glow like headlamps and change colour with his mood.*

*Some children enjoyed making models of an Iron Man at home and brought them to school to share and meet each other! It was lovely to see such creativity, the different materials used and how different they all looked and so full of individual character!*

*In our lessons we learned that the Iron Man only liked to eat things made from metal. We imagined what dishes might be on the menu at a restaurant he would like to visit. We had lots of fun creating tasty starters, delicious main courses, mouth-watering desserts and refreshing drinks that he would enjoy.*



*We also enjoyed playing with the descriptive language used on menus to appeal to their diners. Finally, we decorated each menu. Read some of the dishes on offer.*

*Mmmm... what would you choose?!*



## Our Christmas Tree



In these strange times, a lot of events have had to go virtual and the annual Ampthill Christmas tree festival is no exception.

We have been invited to submit photographs of our tree and they will be displayed on the Ampthill Christmas Tree festival website from this weekend.



The theme for our tree this year was 'NHS Angels'. Each year group, Pine and Saplings developed their own rainbow angel design and put together, it looks lovely in our hall at the moment. Well done to all the children for working so enthusiastically on their angels!

There is no competition this year, it is all about everyone taking part and sharing some Christmas joy! Our pictures will be on our website as well as the Ampthill Christmas Tree site, why not take a look over the weekend!

## Firs Christmas Celebration

Although we were not able to hold Christmas concerts this year, each class is busy rehearsing and recording Christmas songs to share with you.

The children are very excited about this and we will be getting links out to the videos we are recording during the course of next week.

### **Christmas Dinner Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> December - Reminder**

We mentioned in our last newsletter that the school Christmas dinner will take place on Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> December. The roast dinner that Caterlink usually make on a Wednesday will now be hotdogs (meat or vegetarian) with homemade wedges on 16<sup>th</sup> December. The Christmas dinner is not up on ParentPay but if you would like your child to have one on Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> December, please just indicate meat or vegetarian option that day and your child will get a Christmas dinner. Please email or phone the school office if you have any questions about this.



### **Christmas Jumper Day Friday 18<sup>th</sup> December - Reminder**

Christmas Jumper Day will take place on the last day of term, Friday 18<sup>th</sup> December and we attach a letter with all the details you will need to support this day, which includes how to make a donation. Please note that this will be a non-uniform day and all donations will go to 'Save the Children' – thank you for your continued support.

### **Last Day of Term**

We would like to confirm that our last day of this term will be **Friday 18<sup>th</sup> December** and the children will return to school on **Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> January, 2021**.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Adam J G Campbell'.

Adam J G Campbell