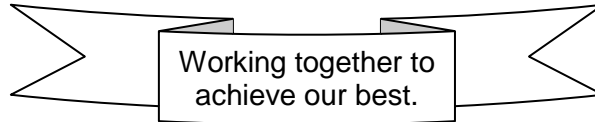




Newsletter

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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,

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. We are still collecting and you will have until Monday 7th December to bring any of the items we asked for in the last newsletter. Once again thank you for your wonderful support with this.



Parent Governor Vacancy

We have 3 nominations for a parent governor and we have only one vacancy and will therefore have to have a ballot. Some parents have understandably enquired about the possibility of using online approaches for the ballot. Unfortunately, we have consulted our 'Articles of Association', which is our operating document, set for us by the Dfe as an academy. In this document it explicitly states that the process must be conducted using paper ballots. Therefore, all the children will be bringing home 2 copies of the ballot paper and personal statements from the parent governor nominations, so that each parent can place their vote and put it in a sealed envelope for the attention of the headteacher. This should be done by 9am on Monday 14th December. If you did not get a copy, please let the school office know – thank you.

Congregating outside school

Some parents have asked us to remind you not to congregate outside the school gates when children are trying to get into school in the morning. Please ensure that you are using the 2 metre social distancing and avoid stopping outside the entrance to the school. I know it's a difficult time for everyone but, we must remember that we are in the middle of a pandemic and social distancing must be adhered to. Thank you for your support.



Christmas Jumper Day

Christmas Jumper Day will take place on the last day of term, Friday 18th 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 you continued support.

Christmas Dinner

We mentioned in our last newsletter that the school Christmas dinner will take place on Thursday 17th December. The roast dinner that Caterlink usually make on a Wednesday will now be hotdogs (meat or vegetarian) with homemade wedges on 16th December. The Christmas dinner is not up on ParentPay but if

you would like your child to have one on Thursday 17th 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.

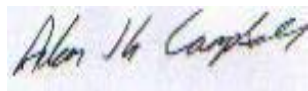
Flu Vaccinations – YR, 1, 2, 3 and 4

The flu vaccinations will take place on Tuesday 8th December for the children whose parents have consented, using the online information, which was emailed out to you last month. If you have not yet consented, you can still do so up until 5pm this evening. **Your child will not be able to have the vaccination if you have not consented.** I attach the letter already sent out to you for your information, should you require this.

Parent Forum

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the parents who participated in our first parent forum meeting this term. We had a very positive discussion. Our discussion included induction, procedures put in place due to Coronavirus, how we have communicated with parents during this period and our new scheme of work which we launched to parents in the newsletter just before half term. We will be meeting again in the spring term and once the minutes for this meeting are approved, they will be available for all parents to read on the Parent Page on our website. Once again, thank you to all the parents who so kindly gave up their time to be with us.

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