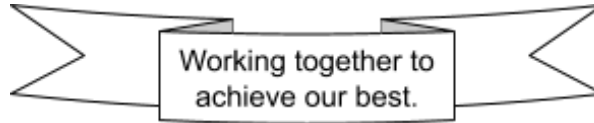




Newsletter

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Dear parents /carers,

Claudia Wallis

I thought I would let you know that Claudia Wallis had a baby boy last Tuesday and they are both doing well. We all send a big congratulations to her and her family and look forward to meeting 'Freddie' one day.

Service Road Closed

On **Tuesday 26th January** work will be carried out on the school drive as the line markings need to be repainted. There will be no access for cars at all on that day. We did try to arrange this during the school holidays but due to Covid-19 and weather conditions on 3 previous dates, we have been unable to do this work. We are sorry for any inconvenience this may cause.

Staff News

New Business Manager

We are very pleased to have **Katherine Jukes** working with us as our new Business Manager. She joined us last Monday and is already making a great contribution to the Senior Leadership Team and the wider staff team. We would like to thank Celia Bennett for spending time with Katherine as part of the induction process, so that she familiarises herself with the role before Celia retires at the end of this month.

New Premises Manager

We would like to let you know that we have appointed a new Premises Manager, **Martin Lees** to start working with us after February half term. Mr Lees has been working in a similar role at another school and we are really looking forward to welcoming him to The Firs.

Remote Learning Update

I would like to say a huge well done to all our children who are working from home. Well done to everyone for all the work on Google Classroom that children have completed so far. I have really enjoyed joining the Willow and Cedar class 'Community Time' meetings today. It was lovely to see all the children and it was obvious how much they were getting from seeing each other and their teacher.

We realise it is harder to get into 'work mode' when you are at home and in the live 'Community Time' meetings we are reminding the children that they need to try and do their best (the B in our ABC!) to complete the activities set on GC every day and this will keep their learning going while they are at home.

We are also saying to the children that it would be very helpful, when they 'turn in' work to include a picture of the work if they have done it on paper. There is a link below explaining how to do this:

[How to add images to assignments in GC](#)

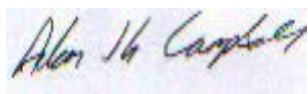
The link below is a very useful video Miss Hamilton has made to guide parents/carers in using GC:

[Using Google Classroom](#)

If children are unable to do this (and there is no adult on hand to help) we are asking children, where possible, to post a comment to their teacher to tell them they have completed the work and maybe a little information about how they feel they got on with it. We would be very grateful if parents / carers could

support us with this, as it is really important that teachers can keep track of how children are getting on.
Thank you.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink on a light blue background. The signature reads "Adam J G Campbell" in a cursive, slightly slanted script.

Adam J G Campbell