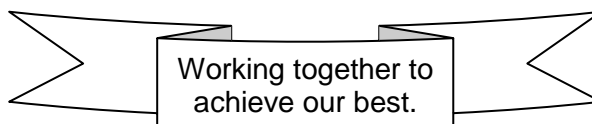




## Newsletter

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Dear parents/carers,

### World Book Day

Despite the strange circumstances, The Firs has celebrated World Book Day with a range of activities for children in school and at home.

Every year group and area of the school has been having fun this week and on World Book day itself.

In Saplings, children loved the chance to dress up as their favourite character from a book:



The children have been busy making biscuits for their World Book Day Teddy Bear Picnic:



They were then very excited when it was time for the picnic itself!



In Year 1 the children also enjoyed getting dressed up for the day!





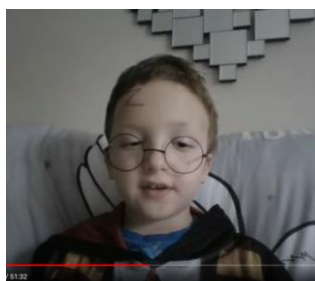
Everyone at home enjoyed taking part too!



There were lots of staff and children in pyjamas in Year 2!

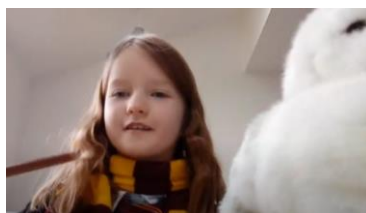


Year 3 got stuck into the day whether at home or in school.





In Year 4 they didn't let Covid get in the way of marking the day either!



And there was fun in Pine as always!



### **World Book Day Tokens**

The tokens will be available as in previous years. Mrs Brady, our Literacy leader, is organising this and the tokens will come home next week when all the children are back in school.

### **Safety on the service road**

We have been concerned over the last couple of weeks about the numbers of Alameda and Firs parents/carers using the school access road to drop off / pick up children. The service road should only be used by parents / carers for Kids' Club and The Saplings.

With the return of all our children from Monday 8th, there will be a much larger number of people using the site and so, in order to re-establish appropriate access to the site and to ensure safety, we will be working with Alameda Middle School to 'cone off' the entrance to the service road, to ensure only authorised traffic uses the road. Thank you in advance for your support.

### **Reading at home**

Once the children return to school, we will assess all the children who were on the RWI programme at the end of the autumn term. We will work through these assessments as quickly as we can but it will take a couple of weeks to complete this process.

In the meantime, we want to get children reading at home again next week, so please can your child continue to take home books from the same colour band they were on before Christmas. Please refer to the colour sticker on the front of your child's Reading Record/ Fish Book if you are unsure.

Your child's class teacher will be able to share the results of the RWI assessment with you at the forthcoming Parent/Teacher consultation meeting and let you know your child's reading colour band.

### **Reading Book Stations**

Reading books will be available to change next week, **starting with Pine on Monday 8th**, just as we set out in the letter we sent home last Friday. The arrangements will be as follows:

- a. Y1 books will be on the table on the station road side of the netting on
- b. Y2 books will be on a table in the area outside the main doors.
- c. Y1 and Y2 books will be put out on **Tuesday and Friday**
- d. Pine will use the same station as Y2 on **Monday and Thursday**.
- e. Y3 and Y4 children will need to change their books themselves from class boxes and this will be administered by the class teacher.

### **Pine Plea!**

If anyone has any unwanted Hama Beads, we would really appreciate them in Pine. Please can they be handed to a member of staff on a gate.

We would also love any donations of decking which are 1m or longer. The children will really enjoy using them as planks or ramps in our outdoor area!

Thank you in advance.

*The Pine Team*

**Plea from Miss Davanna**

If anyone has any unwanted Barbie dolls, please could you bring them into Miss Davanna – thank you for your support.

**Preparations for Monday 8th**

All our preparations for the return of all our children to school on the 8th are complete and we can't wait to see all our children back in school again.

A few reminders:

- Children might want to have a sweater or fleece (school colours if possible) to wear, so we can ventilate rooms well without children being too cold!
- Children should bring in a named, transparent pencil case, like last term.
- Only book bags or the small Firs back packs please.
- Please make sure children have a named water bottle.
- We are using the same entrance points and timings as before Christmas (these and other details were in the letter 'Update on full reopening of The Firs March 21', which is on our [website](#)).

We hope you all have a great weekend and we look forward to welcoming all the children back into school on Monday!

Yours sincerely,



Adam J G Campbell  
Headteacher