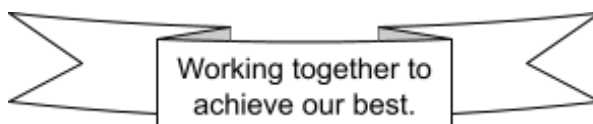




Newsletter

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Dear parents/carers,

What are we learning?

Today, all parents and carers have been emailed the 'What are we learning' sheets for their child's year group. These sheets should give you an overview of what the children are covering this term and what the key objectives will be. We hope this is useful in supporting your child's learning at home.

Photographer in School - Reminder

The photographer will be in school on Tuesday 4th May to take individual photographs of all the children in school, including children who attend The Saplings.

Unfortunately, as Covid restrictions are still in place, we will be unable to take siblings photographs as this would mean mixing bubbles.

The proofs will be sent out to you shortly after they have been taken and if you would like to purchase your child's photograph, you can order online following the instructions given with the proof.

If you do not wish your child to be photographed, please let the school office know either by email or telephone call - thank you.

Change to PE on the Photograph Day

So all the children look smart for their photo, we will not be asking children to come into school in their PE kit on Tuesday 4th May.

Holiday Club

Thank you to all the many parents/carers who have requested sessions in our holiday club in the first 3 weeks of the summer holiday. Letters will be sent out today confirming your booking and requesting payment by Thursday 6th May. Please ensure payment is made by this date in order to retain your booking. We have been gratified by the huge number of parents and carers requesting places but this does mean that payment must be received by the deadline or your booking will have to be cancelled. We would like to thank in advance the many staff who have volunteered to help run our holiday club this year. Mrs Stephenson-White, the holiday club leader is very excited by the expansion of holiday club to run over 3 weeks and she is already beginning to plan all the exciting play activities and special sessions, which we are sure will make holiday club a really fun place to be this summer!

Alameda Friendship Letter for Y4

We have sent an email to all our Y4 parents attaching the friendship letter from Alameda. This needs to be returned to The Firs by 17th May, either by email or paper copy. Please let the school office know if you would prefer a paper copy - thank you.

Activity Booklets from The PTA

The PTA kindly sourced ToucanBox booklets during lockdown which have been given out to the children today. The reference to the World Cup is, of course, out of date but there are some lovely activities for the children to do over the bank holiday weekend.

Message from Book Club

The Firs' Book Club is looking for some new parents to run it! The current parents have enjoyed three years of running Book Club but due to new work commitments, are now no longer able to continue.

What does running Book Club involve?

Under normal circumstances, Book Club runs every other week, during lunch break. It involves a couple of hours a week (around an hour in school, inviting children in to collect their book, and another hour on admin-related tasks). At the start of term, there's a bit more work involved in order to register children into Book Club.

There is currently a good stock of books, and a healthy Book Club bank balance. You will occasionally need to order new stock, and attend events like The Firs' Christmas Craft Fair and Summer Fun Run event.

Book Club is a lovely club to run as you get to help the children choose their books, encourage a little independence, and reading. Ideally, three people are needed to run it. You will also need a DBS check – which the school organises.

If you're interested in finding out more about what Book Club involves, please get in touch with the school office or email me directly at amyjoannarich@gmail.com - thank you!

Have a great break!

We hope everyone has a very enjoyable bank holiday weekend and we look forward to seeing the children again on Tuesday 4th.

Yours sincerely,



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