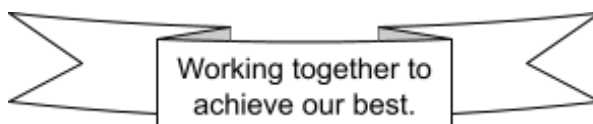




## Newsletter

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Dear parents/carers,

### **Changes to our Roadmap for exiting Covid 19 restrictions**

Due to the 4 week delay in exiting the current Covid restrictions, announced recently by the government, we have reviewed our Roadmap and in accordance with the national roadmap, delayed the changes that we were anticipating, in most cases until the beginning of term in September. The revised Roadmap is available on our [website](http://www.firslower.co.uk) and as an attachment with this newsletter.

### **Year 4 Transition Arrangements**

Unfortunately, due to the extension of the Covid restrictions announced by the Government, the transition day experience for Y4 children scheduled for 9th July will not now be able to take place. We know that this is disappointing for children and parents / carers as we know how important these events are in helping to prepare children for the move to their new school.

Alameda is working with all the other FARM schools however, to ensure the best transition experience for our Y4 children as we can possibly provide. For this reason they have committed to creating a virtual tour for children in July and Mrs Sibley (Y5 leader) will visit both Y4 class bubbles in the last week of June to talk about Alameda and answer any questions the children have.

### **Arrangements for Y4 children to walk to and from school without an adult**

As you will see in our revised Roadmap, we have not changed from the 28th June date regarding beginning the arrangements for Y4 children walking to and from school without an adult. This is an important part of the transition arrangements, preparing children for this part of their middle school experience before they start in September.

The details regarding this so that it fits in with the current Covid 19 arrangements are detailed in a letter to Y4 parents that will be placed on our website and emailed to Y4 parents next week.

### **Circle of Friends Sheets - Children in Year R, Year 1, Year 2 and Year 3**

A reminder that if it hasn't already been returned, could you please complete the Circle of Friends sheet with your child and return to school by **Monday 21st June**. Thank you.

### **Y4 Grafham Water visit update**

The children are very excited about the 2 day visits to Grafham that are taking place on Thursday 24th and Friday 25th next week. Let's hope the weather is kind to us! There are a few updates for parents/carers below:

- Your child will need 2 bags:
  - Please bring a change of clothes (incl. shoes) might get muddy / wet as rain is forecast (It is non-uniform both days). This can be in the first bag (of manageable size & weight please).

- As the weather may not be so warm as recently, a warm hoodie would be advisable.
- The children will need a second bag ( **small** backpack style to hold their water bottle, sun hat, sun cream etc.)
- They will need a packed lunch and two snacks (in a plastic bag in their backpack).
- In case the weather is kind to us, please remember to add a layer of suncream before the children come to school in the morning and ensure they bring the suncream with them for top ups. (If anyone forgets and it is sunny, we will have suncream that we will give to the child to apply. If you would not like this then please let us know).
- Please arrival at school between **7:45 - 7:55 am** (coming in the usual way near the car park)
- Our estimated arrival back at school will be between **4:15 - 4:30 pm** both days. We will send out a text message if we are delayed at all.
- The Grafham Water Centre have been communicating with us regularly over the arrangements and with separate coaches for each class, a plan for the day that keeps the class bubbles separate and with all the normal handwashing routines etc. we will be able to ensure the same Covid 19 safety measures that are in place in school.

If you want any other information you can look at the letter sent out on 9th June, which is available on our [website](#). If you have any other questions though, please contact the school office, Mrs Baker or a member of the Y4 team.

### **Tudor fun in Y2!**

The Y2 children had a fantastic time this week with their History Off The Page day about the Tudors. They didn't let the fact that they had to have a virtual experience spoil the fun either!



The children were able to access the sessions delivered by History Off The Page online and very much enjoyed the activities, such as making Tudor nosegays (see picture above and on the next page).





They enjoyed making a Tudor ruff too, even though it was a little fiddly!





Thank you to the Y2 team for organising such a great day and to all the parents who supported the day by providing such fantastic costumes!





### **Message from Year 4**

The Year 4 garden is coming on really well, with vegetable planters made, paths laid, wild flower seeds planted, and plants bedded. Our next steps are to get a water butt, some tools, lots of additional compost, grow some vegetables and herbs and have picnic benches made for the children to sit out there as well as maintain the garden.

A big thank you to the fantastic PTA for allocating some money from their fundraising events to this project, to Mr Lees our Premises Manager for his marvellous DIY skills and to the Year 4 team for organising and making purchases for the project. The children are already enjoying their outdoor space and the responsibility of looking after living things.

If you would like to help to improve the garden further there are two ways you could get involved:

- If you are purchasing small plants or bedding plants for your own garden, maybe you could donate two (we are trying to plant in twos to keep each class's garden the same).
- You may like to put a few pounds into an envelope instead marked 'Year 4 garden fund' so that we can put it towards some more plants or some decorative feature which we already have on our wishlist.

Any contributions, if you feel you could donate, would be very greatly appreciated.

### **Class and Y4 leavers Photographs**

The photographer was in school today to take class and Y4 leavers photographs. The proofs should be with us sometime during the week beginning 28th June and we will get these out to you as soon as they arrive in school.

Yours sincerely,



Adam J G Campbell  
Headteacher