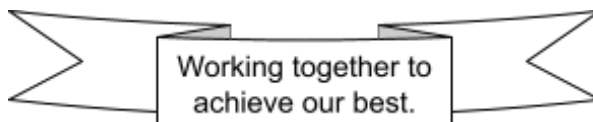




## Newsletter

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**Chair of Governors:** Gareth Jones

**Governors:** Annette Anderson, John Ashley, Franco Cameli, Adam Campbell, Louise Haigh, Kerry Mercer, Fran Sherry and Tom Stean

Dear parents/carers,

### Science Fun in Y1!

In Year One they have been looking at Seasons and Weather. They have had so much fun learning about different types of clouds, and trying to see what a cloud does. They have also tried to grow their very own rainbow. The children loved watching the felt tip pen ink rise up and connect to make a rainbow!



### Social Media at The Firs



We are always looking to improve the way we communicate with parents and the wider community and so we are very excited to say that we have established a Facebook page for the school, which we intend to use to both share some of the exciting work children are involved in across the school and to keep you informed about key events. Thank you very much to Mrs Ashby for setting all this up for us.

We have a dedicated team consisting of Mrs Freeman in Cedar class, Miss Hill in Elm and Miss Webb in Beech, who have kindly volunteered to take charge of this project. Thank you to all of them in advance for their efforts!

You can access 'The Firs Lower' [Facebook page](#) by following this link.

## Sports Days

As we said last week, we are holding some sports mornings for each year group. (Y1-Y4 children will participate in their 2 class bubbles, keeping socially distanced from each other, whilst hopefully, still feeling they are participating together as a year group.)

On these days (listed below) the **children will need to come into school in their PE kits:**

Year 3 - Monday 5th July

Year 2 - Wednesday 7th July

Year 4 - Monday 12th July

Pine - Tuesday 13th July

Year 1 - Thursday 15th July

We will be recording the key events for each sports morning and these videos will be shared with parents on Google Classroom, so you can watch them with your child.

## The Fun Run... with a difference!

On Monday 28th children brought home the sponsorship form for the 'Fun Run... with a difference' events on **Thursday 8th** and **Friday 9th July**.

**The children will need to come into school in their PE kit on the days,** which will be allocated to class bubbles as follows:

**Thursday 8th - Saplings, Elm, Cedar, Beech and Pine**

**Friday 9th - Oak, Willow, Hazel, Maple and Holly**

Throughout the 2 days, the children will have a slot to run in their class bubbles and we will log the number of laps they complete.

Please do not send your sponsor forms into school until after the fun run. Please put your sponsor money in an envelope, together with the sponsor form.

Thanks in advance for your support in helping to get sponsors for your child, it's much appreciated.

## Y3 Evacuee Tea Party

As part of their DT project, the year 3 children made bread rolls on Wednesday morning. They were involved in the whole process from measuring the ingredients to kneading the dough. The children then enjoyed tasting their own bread roll as part of their VE Day party.



As the children have worked so hard during their WW2 history lessons, it was great to end the topic with a VE Day celebration, just like in 1945. After creating Union Jack bunting and flags to decorate, the children then enjoyed a street party in the playground. It was a great end to a fantastic topic.





### Head Lice

We have had a case of head lice in school and would ask that you check your child's hair regularly and treat if necessary. Thank you for your support.

### A Plea from Martin Lees, Our Premises Manager

If any of you have off-cuts of Astro Turf that you would be happy to donate, can you please let us know. Mr Lees has been working very hard on our outside area near to our main reception and would like some pieces of Astro Turf to complete the project. Thank you in advance for your help.



### Dogs Outside School

We mentioned in one of our newsletters recently that a parent was concerned about the amount of dogs her child has to walk past to get to school and we asked if dogs could be taken off the pavement area. Another parent has mentioned to us that some dogs have been taken off the lead and are roaming around, making some of the children nervous. Please can we ask that you keep your dog on the lead during the start and the end of the school day when the children are around. Thank you for your support.

### Kids' Club Wraparound Care fees, June and July 2021

ParentPay accounts have already been updated with June's wraparound care fees, covering all breakfast and afterschool care upto and including Friday 28th June 2021, anyone with a payment to make would have received an email on Tuesday 30th June with details of their payment.

Please be aware that invoices for July will be calculated in advance and added to ParentPay by 10th July, with an email notification triggered for payment. All fees must be cleared by the end of term, **Thursday 22nd July 2021.**

We ask that parents, on receipt of each email, make payment by ParentPay or childcare voucher promptly.

Thank you for your support with this.

### Use of Photos and Videos within The Firs Lower School

With the launch of our Facebook and Instagram pages we wanted to renew our information regarding media permissions that we collected when you first registered your child with the school. Please complete the google form below to confirm your preferences. **Please can you complete this form by Monday 5th July.** Thank you.

[Photos Preference Google Form](#)

### Community Litter Pick

We have been asked by the Ampthill Climate Change group to let you know about the forthcoming community litter pick that's taking place on Saturday 10 July between 12.30-14.30, meeting at the Tavistock Avenue amenity area. The litter pick is being organised by the Ampthill Climate Change group and Plastic Free Ampthill. The link below takes you through to the full event details.

<https://ampthillclimatechange.co.uk/events/our-next-community-litter-pick/>

### **Class and Y4 Leavers Photographs**

Proofs of class and Y4 leavers were sent out with the children yesterday and we let you know that orders would be online only, on this occasion. We have been informed by the photographic company that all online orders must be done by the deadline which is **Thursday 8th July**. Thank you for your support.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Adam J G Campbell", with a small flourish at the end.

Adam J G Campbell  
Headteacher