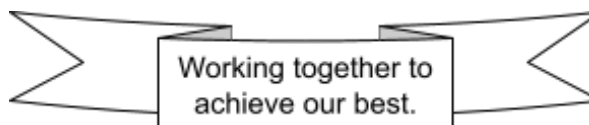




## Newsletter

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**Chair of Governors:** John Ashley

**Governors:** Annette Anderson, Franco Cameli, Adam Campbell, Louise Haigh, Kerry Mercer, Tom Stean and Stuart Hobbs

Dear parents/carers,

### Welcome Back!

I hope you all had a lovely Christmas break and good New Year. We would like to welcome all our children back including 3 new pupils who have joined Year 3.

### Covid 19 Update

You may already be aware that the government has made changes to the guidance related to self-isolation after a positive test.

The 10 day self-isolation period for people who record a positive PCR test result for COVID-19 has been reduced to 7 days. This means that children may return to school on day 8, providing they do not have symptoms and test negative on a lateral flow device test (LFD) on day 6 and day 7 taken 24 hours apart.

Any children in Y3 or Y4 who are identified as a close contact of someone with COVID-19, should take an LFD test every day for seven days and continue to attend school as normal unless they have a positive test result or develop symptoms at any time. (Any children in Y2 or below are encouraged to do this as well if parents/carers feel they are able to do so.)

Please see the latest version of the Local Authority flow chart which is available on the [Coronavirus Page](#) of our website and is in the attachments with this newsletter.

For more information please refer to DfE guidance: [stay at home: guidance for households with possible or confirmed COVID-19 infection](#)

### Major Roadworks on Ashburnham Road

Ashburnham Road is currently undergoing major roadworks for the next 10 days and will not be suitable for use by cars or pedestrians. Ashburnham Road is used as a cut through by many parents and children on their way to The Firs and Alameda.

The surface is uneven and potentially dangerous during this time. Please avoid the road until it is safe to use - Thank you for your support.

### Christmas Jumper Day

Thank you to everyone who contributed towards our Christmas Jumper Day. We raised £207.00 which doesn't include the Christmas Gift Aid. The children and staff all enjoyed the day and we are very grateful to all our parents for their donations.

## Y2 Seaside Day

Year 2 had a fantastic day on Wednesday for their History off the Page Seaside Day.

Craig, our brilliant host, really brought what it was like to visit a seaside town to life and the children spent the morning taking part in some fun activities such as painting postcards, making shell boxes, dressing up and looking at old fashioned cameras and binoculars. They were all totally absorbed in the tasks and it really brought their history learning from last term to life, which we were delighted to see.



The afternoon was dedicated to role play, where the children were given one shilling (which they learned was 12 pence) and were able to 'spend' it at the various shops Craig had created in 'Amphill-on Sea'. These included a souvenir shop; a fortune teller; a seaside cafe and of course, a fish and shop shop, with ice cream parlour! Carig finished the afternoon off with a hilarious Punch and Judy show which the children really loved.



Every one of us loved the day and the children wrote about it with great enthusiasm, showing how much enjoyment they had had.

We would particularly like to thank the parents for their contributions, which allowed the day to go ahead, and our wonderful parent volunteers, without whom we could not have had such a successful experience.

Year 2 would like to thank them for all their hard work and commitment to the day. Thank you also to Mrs Freeman and Miss Webb for organising such a fantastic day!

### **Tennis and Teddy Tennis**

Please find attached a poster which give you details about Tennis and Teddy Tennis starting back at The Firs. Y2, 3 and 4 are on Thursdays from 8.00am to 8.45am and YR and Y1 are on Fridays from 8.00am - 8.45am.

Please see the poster for booking online, if you would like your child to join.

### **Grafham Water Medical and Dietary Forms**

A letter went out before the Christmas holidays inviting you to come into school to complete the forms and talk to the staff. The session will take place on **Thursday 13th January from 4.00 - 6.00pm** and I attach the letter for your information. Can you please let us know on Monday 10th January if you are able to attend this. Thank you.

### **Miss Wallis**

We are very happy to welcome back Miss Wallis who has returned to Holly Class following her maternity leave. She has very much enjoyed this week, getting to know all her children.

Her email address is [claudia.wallis@firslower.org](mailto:claudia.wallis@firslower.org).

### **Midday Supervisor Required**

A Vacancy has become available for a Midday Supervisor to work with children in a Year 4 class, Monday - Friday with a start date of 10th February. Please see attached information regarding this which can also be found on our website. [www.firslower.co.uk](http://www.firslower.co.uk).

Please let Sue A'Court know if you are interested by emailing [sue.acourt@firslower.org](mailto:sue.acourt@firslower.org) or telephone 01525 402735.

Yours sincerely,



Adam J G Campbell