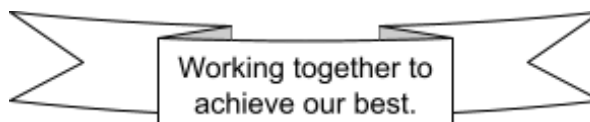




Newsletter

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Dear parents/carers,

Message from the PTA

1 - Parents – we need you!

Do you own or work for a local business? Or perhaps you work for a large company who gives to charity or matches funds raised? Maybe you know someone who does. Or maybe you just want to know more about how you can help the PTA support our children. If so then we need you!

2- The Firs' BALL

The Firs PTA ball happens every two years but due to COVID-19, we haven't been able to get our dancing shoes on since 2018. So, this year on **April 23**, it's back and there will be a chance to eat, meet friends and dance the night away. Tickets will be on sale at the end of this month but to make this fantastic event raise as much money for our children as possible we need your help.

We have previously raised funds to buy all the Chromebooks that the children use in lessons and this time we are looking to top previous efforts and fundraise for not just one, but three great initiatives to provide even more learning support for our children.

We want our children to make the most of the facilities and unique setting we have here at The Firs. We've set a £15,000 fundraising target so they can enjoy more nature, more sport and more reading by doubling our Forest School provision, bringing in new specialist sports coaching and recruiting a brand-new lunchtime librarian. We are aiming to fund each of these for at least two years so that as many children get the benefit.

Through this extra-curricular support, we want to help our children be curious and caring about the world around them and enjoy the amazing setting we are lucky enough to have here at The Firs.

To be able to achieve all of this we are looking for sponsors and auction prizes from local companies. Big or small, it all counts! In previous years, we've had support from many local and national companies, including money can't buy experiences, which have all really helped us – we'd love to know if you or your employer could support us and help us hit our target.

We know that you're all really busy, but your support will make all the difference in helping us achieve our fundraising target – our ask is if you could spare 5 minutes having a think about how you might be able to support this. Please email us on firslowerpta@gmail.com or grab one of us at the gate. We're friendly, we promise!

Let's make the Firs ball a night to remember for us and give our kids new experience and learning support for many years – thank you!



The Ball in 2018!

Y4 Bikeability

This week, the Year 4 children took part in Bikeability to prepare them for their bike riding when they go on their residential trip to Grafham.

Every year, Year 4 children have the opportunity to take part in the Bikeability course and we feel this is such a great way to ensure that all the Y4 children ride with confidence. The children were all given a certificate and a badge when they completed the course. Well done to all the Y4 children!



Mrs Everett

I am sure that Elm Class parents already know that Mrs Everett is expecting her first child in May this year which means she will be leaving her class early in the summer term.

We are currently advertising for maternity cover and will keep you informed as to who will be teaching your children when Mrs Everett starts her maternity leave.

Vacancies at The Firs

We currently have a vacancy for a Midday Supervisor for Year 4, a cleaner and a Full-time (fixed term) teacher post. All our vacancies are on our website www.firslower.co.uk under 'school information' and then 'vacancies'. Please contact sue.acourt@firslower.org if you are interested in any of the vacancies.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Adam J G Campbell".

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