

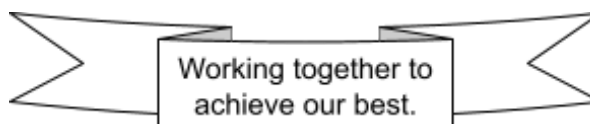


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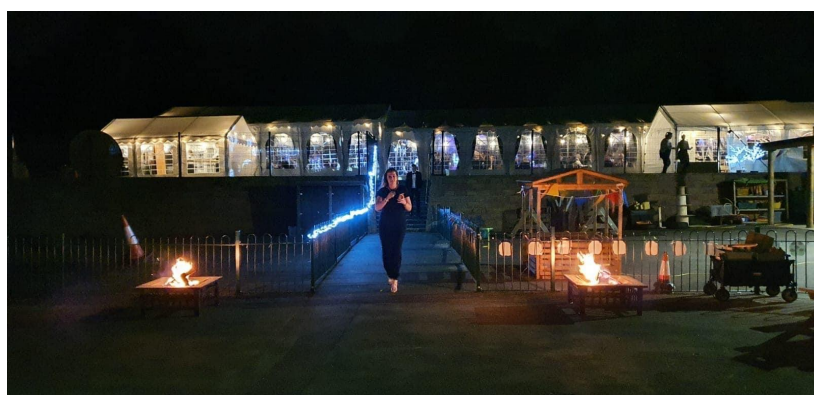
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Dear parents/carers,

The Firs Ball

The PTFA Firs Ball took place last Saturday and as in previous years it was an amazingly successful event enjoyed by all the very many parents, friends and staff of the school who attended. The evening was very well organised and facilitated by the PTFA and as well as providing a really entertaining evening, a huge amount of funds were raised, further details to follow, which will make a huge difference to the children of The Firs. This year we will be using the money raised to further expand our Forest Schools provision and pay for a librarian to work in our library at lunchtimes.



Jubilee assembly

We were joined yesterday by representatives of Ampthill Town Council who came to talk to the children about the coming festivities as we prepare to celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee. The children were very interested to hear about the Queen's reign and the planned events that will be taking place in Ampthill later this summer.



KS1 Tag Rugby Festival

The children who were selected for the KS1 tag rugby festival had a fantastic time at Parkfields School in Toddington. They took part in a round robin of various rugby skills, practising ball handling, foot skills and tagging. The Redborne Sports Leaders complimented on the lovely behaviour of our Firs children. Out of the sports premium, the children wore 'The Firs' hoodies and they all looked very smart.



Vacancy for a cleaner

We have a vacancy for a cleaner to work Thursdays and Fridays, 1hr 30mins per night. The hours can be to suit. The school closes at 6.30pm. Also Friday's hours could be done on a Saturday morning.

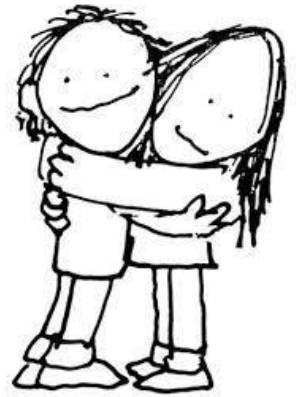
Opportunities to see children's work

Due to Covid rates, parents / carers were not able to see children's work last term as part of the parent / teacher consultation meetings. We would like to give you an opportunity to see your child's work however and so we have arranged some dates for this over the next two weeks. Books will be made available for you to see on the following occasions:

Year group	Date	Time	Notes
Year 1	Tuesday 3rd May	3:45 - 5:00	school hall - enter via the main entrance to the school.
Year 2	Thursday 5th May	3:45 - 5:00	school hall - enter via the main entrance to the school.
Year 3	Tuesday 10th May	3:45 - 5:00	school hall - enter via the main entrance to the school.
Year 4	Wednesday 11th May	3:45 - 5:00	Y4 classrooms - enter via the main entrance to the school.

Forgiveness -our value for April

At school, we have explained to the children that forgiveness benefits the person doing the forgiving as well as the person who is being forgiven, bringing about peace of mind for both people. It takes a strong person to forgive and it takes a strong person to accept an apology.



We are asking parents/carers at home to send in a note if they think their child has demonstrated forgiveness, describing how they demonstrated this value. We will celebrate some of their achievements in assembly (if they are happy with this). Examples of forgiveness might be:

- Accepting an apology and overcoming their feelings of anger towards the other person.
- Accepting an apology and not blaming the other person.
- Accepting an apology and putting what went wrong behind them.

In our assemblies we have also thought about what people have said about forgiveness.... Mistakes are always forgivable, if one has the courage to admit them. **Bruce Lee**

When you forgive, you in no way change the past - but you sure do change the future. **Bernard Meltzer**

Forgiveness says you are given another chance to make a new beginning. **Desmond Tutu**

All major religious traditions carry basically the same message, that is love, compassion and forgiveness- the important thing is they should be part of our daily lives. **Dalai Lama**

To forgive is to set a prisoner free and discover that the prisoner was you. **Lewis B. Smedes**

Dates for this term

We are currently finalising our dates for the term and we will include a date sheet with the next newsletter.

Vacancy for Lunchtime Supervisor

We have a vacancy for a lunchtime supervisor to work 5 lunchtimes a week, Monday - Friday to start as soon as possible. We would really like to hear from anyone who is interested in taking up this position. It could be a shared post if preferred. The hours would be from 12.15 - 1.20pm each day. Please contact Sue A'Court on 01525 402735 or email sue.acourt@firslower.org

Bank Holiday 2/5/22

With it being the bank holiday on 2nd May, we hope you enjoy the bank holiday weekend... let's hope the weather is good!

Yours sincerely,

Adam J G Campbell