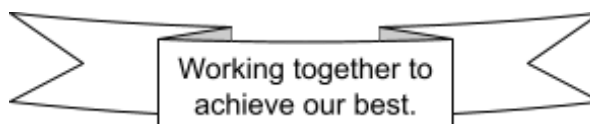




Newsletter

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Dear parents/carers,

Queen's Platinum Jubilee celebrations

Today the children have had an amazing day celebrating the Queen's Platinum Jubilee. They all looked wonderful in their red, white and blue clothes and really enjoyed all the celebrations throughout the day.

We started the day with a special Jubilee Assembly where we learned about the life of the Queen, shared what each year group were going to be doing during the day and sang the National Anthem together! Thank you to Mrs Freeman for teaching the words to the children in Singing Assembly!



All the children had their lunch outside on the KS2 playground, where tables and chairs were set out around it. The lunch staff and teachers served the children as they sat at the table to be waited on! The kitchen staff produced a lovely meal and the jubilee sponge went down a treat. The playground looked lovely with all the bunting that the children had coloured in class.

We were so fortunate to have the Amptill Town Band come and play to us throughout lunch. They played a Jubilee ensemble, which included the National Anthem and a Disney number.



To see some more pictures and find out more about our day, have a look at the [news item on our website](#).

Tree Planting

The School Council children, along with Martin Lees, our Premises Manager and Mrs Ware, our Forest Schools Leader, planted a tree at the front of the school in honour of the Platinum Jubilee. It is the Queen's wish to plant a 'Royal Canopy' of trees across the country for the occasion.



Thank you for all your donations this morning to help towards the cost of our tree.

Cake Sale

The PTFA had a cake sale after school with the many cakes that were donated by parents and carers. The Y4 Ambassadors helped to run the cake stall and they did a great job. Thank you to everyone who sent in cakes and to our School Council and Ambassadors for all their help on the stall. We will let you know in our next newsletter how much we raised.



Holiday Club

The holiday club is getting booked up and confirmation emails regarding places have been sent to those who have booked and paid. For more information on Holiday Club, see the poster downloadable from our [Holiday Club web page](#). Please send your booking request forms back to us as soon as possible to avoid disappointment - thank you.



The Firs Lower School

Summer Holiday Club

Y4 Children Walking to and from School

Can you please talk to your child about walking to and from school safely. One of our parents witnessed a near miss this week when some Y4 children were crossing at a difficult part of the road rather than using the zebra crossing.

The Y4 teachers have spoken to the children and have reminded them of this but it would be really good if you could emphasise the importance of this to them. Thank you for your support.

Open Days at The Firs

We are holding open days in July for parents of children who are due to start school in **September 2023**. These will be held on Tuesday 12th, Thursday 14th and Friday 15th July at 9.30am. Please telephone the school on 01525 402735 to book an appointment.

There is a flyer attached giving you details of the open days. This flyer is also available on our website on the letters home page.

SATS and GL Tests

Well done to all our children in Y2, Y3 and Y4 who have been working very hard for the last two weeks, taking part in either the SATs or the GL tests. Staff have endeavoured to present these tasks in a positive way and our children have, as they always do, risen to the challenge and all tried their best.



This has been hardest generally for our youngest children and they really enjoyed their end of SATs party when it was all over! Thank you to the Y2 staff for organising it. For more pictures and details of this event, see [the news item](#) on our website.

Handwriting Awards

With our Y1-Y4 handwriting award trophies being presented to the winners by our headteacher for the Day on Monday. The final YR handwriting awards were given to the Pine winners on Friday.



These awards were made either for maintaining an outstanding standard all year or for showing an impressive improvement in their handwriting. Thank you very much to Mrs Brady who organised this project and huge congratulations to all our winners.

Pre-School Practitioner Vacancy

An email was sent out this week letting you know about a level 3 pre-school practitioner vacancy from 1st September. All the information is available on our website. Please speak to Sue A'Court if you require more details about the post.

A Plea From The Saplings

If you have any hairdryers at home that you do not use anymore, can we please have them for our hairdressing play - thank you.

Yours sincerely,

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

Adam J G Campbell
(Headteacher)