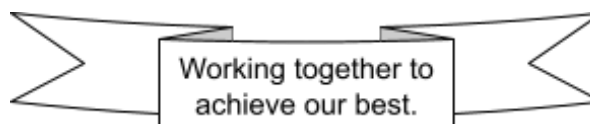




## Newsletter

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Dear parents/carers,

### **Queen's Platinum Jubilee celebrations, tree planting and PTFA cake sale!**

This week the children will be making some Jubilee bunting in their classes. We are all looking forward to our Jubilee celebration day on Friday and we will give you a resume of what we did in our next newsletter.

We will be purchasing a tree to plant in honour of the Platinum Jubilee and Her Majesty The Queen's wish to plant a 'Royal Canopy' of trees across the country for the occasion. As part of our dress down - wear red, white and blue' on the day, we would be very grateful if you could contribute by popping a few coins in the buckets staff on the gate will have, to help us cover the cost, thank you in advance.



The PTFA have asked us to let you know that they are organising a cake sale after school on Friday, to round off our day of celebrations. Please bring donations of cakes into school on Friday morning. The sale will take place on the KS2 playground after school. This will be cash only.

### **Head For The Day!**

Congratulations to Alexander, who did a fantastic job as our headteacher for the day today! He began his day by meeting the children at the school gate. After that he presided over our Monday Merit Assembly giving out merits and many messages of 'well done' to all the children who received one.

After assembly Alexander went on a tour of the School and Saplings and the children were thrilled to meet their new headteacher!

Alexander was very busy on the day, he went on playground duty, helped the office staff with many jobs, such as organising new resources, delivering items to the classes and signing important documents!

He also went on a health and safety inspection with our Premises Manager Mr Lees and gave the staff some important messages in a staff briefing at lunchtime. The staff were especially interested when he indicated that he would be increasing their salaries!

Alexander had a fantastic day and received some photos and a certificate to mark his achievement as a great head teacher for the day and to capture some of the lovely memories of the occasion. Well done Alexander!

### **Summer Term 22 Date Sheet**

The Summer Term Date Sheet was emailed out to parents last week. This sheet is also available on our website in the letters home section.

### **What Are We Learning Sheets**

The 'What are we Learning' sheets were emailed out last week to all parents. We hope they are useful in keeping you informed about what your child is doing in school this term and support you in helping them with their learning at home.

These sheets are also available on our website on the 'Letters Home' page and on the year group pages under the 'Our Learning' tab.

### **Elm Class Open Afternoon**

We would like to thank all the Elm class parents / carers that attended the open afternoon on Wednesday 18th. I hope it was useful to see the children's work and have an opportunity to meet Mrs Herrick, who is teaching in Elm class during Mrs Everett's maternity leave.

If any Elm class parents / carers were not able to attend however, there will be another opportunity as part of the whole school open day that takes place on the 11th July.

### **Y4 Leavers' Information**

Last week the children brought home information from the PTFA regarding some arrangements for the Y4 children, including details about the Leavers' Hoodie on offer to children, the Year 4 commemorative Year Book and the Y4 Leavers' Event. (This information was also emailed to parents).

A huge thank you to all the parents who are helping to organise all this as the 'send off' we give our Year 4 children, marking all that they have achieved in their time at The Firs, is so important to all of them.

The two letters are available in the letters home section of our website.

Please return the associated reply slip by **27th May** to your child's class teacher. Thank you.

### **Trust - Our Value For May**

In school, we have explained to the children that trust is a feeling that somebody or something can be relied upon, or will turn out to be good. It is the feeling of being sure about something, even if it cannot be proved. Being trustworthy is acting in a sensible, grown up way, so others think they can rely on you.

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

- Taking on a job or responsibility and being very reliable in carrying it out.
- Being very honest and dependable.
- Showing they trust in others to do things in the certain knowledge that it will happen.

What people have said about trust:

Trust yourself. Create the kind of self that you will be happy to live with all your life. Make the most of yourself by fanning the tiny, inner sparks of possibility into flames of achievement. **Golda Meir**

Trust yourself, you know more than you think you do. **Benjamin Spock**

Trust takes years to build, seconds to break and forever to repair. **Unknown**

The best way to find out if you can trust somebody is to trust them. **Ernest Hemingway**

Trust starts with truth and ends with truth. **Santosh Kalwar**

### **Fantastic singing on Thursdays!**

I wanted to take this opportunity to say a huge well done to all the children for the lovely singing they have been doing on Thursday Song Practice assemblies.



They have so enjoyed getting 'back to normal' this term and have especially enjoyed getting together and having the opportunity to sing as a school on these occasions. A big thank you to Mrs Freeman, for her work leading these assemblies and for inspiring the children so successfully.

### **Flitwick and Ampthill Tennis Club**

Flitwick and Ampthill Tennis Club will be holding an open day between 1pm and 4pm on Saturday 18th June for anyone who would like to try out tennis.

It's completely free of charge and all age groups and abilities are welcome.

The event was well attended by local students last year with many going on to take up tennis.

All equipment will be provided and there will be games and free coaching for adults and children alike with refreshments available.

Yours sincerely,

Adam J G Campbell  
(Headteacher)