

The Firs Lower School is thrilled to be taking part again in the Ampthill Gala Day Parade, which this year is on **Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> July**. After not being able to go ahead the past few years, we are really excited that it is able to take place again this year. For those who've never seen an Ampthill Gala day, we can promise you it's a really exciting event for the children to be involved in.

This year's theme is **The Jubilee** and The Firs PTA have chosen to join the parade as **"Through the decades".** To complete our vision each year group is encouraged to dress in line with the following:

- Saplings: 1950's
- Year R: 1960's
- Year 1: 1970's
- Year 2: 1980's
- Year 3: 1990's
- Year 4: 2000's

The general look will be bright colour and outfits inspired by the decades our Queen has reigned. Please do not feel pressured to buy a fancy dress costume, children are welcome to come in items from their wardrobes which could be styled together to create a similar look, the idea is for this to just be something fun for everyone! (Pintrest is very good for inspiration for DIY/ from the wardrobe costumes)

We would again appreciate it if all accompanying parents (**all children must be accompanied**) could wear coordinating outfits or similar colours to enhance the overall look of our entry. Please feel free to come dressed as your favourite icon from the decade!

We are holding a craft day on **26<sup>th</sup> June 9am- 4pm** at the school for parents to make the large statement pieces to accompany the parade. Even one hour of your time will be massively appreciated, please do not feel you need to stay all day.

In advance of the craft day we would be grateful if you could bring donations of cereal boxes, bright wrapping paper and tissue papers.

We are asking for a contribution of £2.50 per child to cover the costs of materials for props.

Please complete the form below and post it in the PTA box by **Friday 24<sup>th</sup> June** if you would like your child to take part.

You will need to arrive at The Firs Lower School at 10.15when all entries will be judged at 10.30am by the mayor. The parade will begin at 11.00am and ends at the cricket field in the park at around 12.15pm.

Please bring a drink along and ensure that children wear suncream if the weather is warm.

Hope you can join us! The Firs PTA xxx

## Children should come dressed in the following decade according to their year group, we have included some examples and icons to use as inspiration:

Saplings: 1950's – Classic 50's 'Rock & Roll', full skirts, trousers, plain tshirts, jackets, plimsoll shoes. Icons include Elvis Presley, Marilyn Monroe, Audrey Hepburn.

Year R: 1960's - Flower Power, colourful short dresses, peace signs, colour block tshirts, jeans. Icons include The Beatles, Twiggy.

Year 1: 1970's – Hippie, flared trousers / jeans, waistcoats, paisley print, floaty dresses, colourful. Icons include David Bowie, Stevie Nicks, Diana Ross.

Year 2: 1980's – Neon, leg warmers, black jeans, slogan tshirts, chunky jewellery. Icons include Madonna, Boy George, Miami Vice.

Year 3: 1990's – Colourful, leopard print, baggy jeans, cargo pants, camo print, union jack. Icons include Oasis, Spice Girls, David Beckham.

Year 4: 2000's – Baggy trousers or leggings, slogan tshirts, denim, FACEMASKS! Icons include Harry Styles, Lady Gaga (even Harry Potter!)

## I would like my child to take part in the Ampthill Gala Day Parade on Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> July 2022:

Child's Name:	Class:	
Child's Name:	Class:	
Parent's Name: _		
Parent's Phone: _		
Contribution of £2.50 per child enclosed: Yes / No (Cheques made payable to Firs PTA) I		
will attend the craft day to help make props: Yes / No		
Parent's Name:-		
Parent's Phone:-		

Parent's Name:\_

Parent's Phone:\_