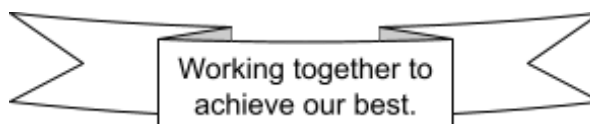




Newsletter

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Dear parents/carers,

Y4 Multiplication Check letter June 22

Learning X tables is a very important part of children achieving maths fluency and our Y4 children are working hard in school on learning their X tables, assisted by the TT Rockstars online program we subscribe to.

A letter will be sent to Y4 parents today, which contains some information about the Government Y4 X tables check which will, following the trial last year, occur officially for the first time this summer.

This letter will also be available on the [letters home](#) page on our website. Thank you to all our parents and carers for all the support being given to help children learn their tables at home and of course, to all our Y4 children, for all their hard work practising them!

PTFA and the Ampthill Gala Parade

Participating in the Ampthill Gala is a long standing tradition at The Firs much enjoyed by our children over the years. This will be the first Gala since 2019 (when we won first place!) and it will be great to be able to join with our community to celebrate it again.

A letter was sent to parents last week giving details about how your child can get involved. Please support this event if you can and come along and help at the craft workshop on 26th June 9am- 4pm. For more details see the PTFA letter which is available on the [letters home](#) page on our website.



Please note that the times on the letter that went out were incorrect. The meeting time in the morning of the Gala Parade is 10.15am, judging at 10.30am and setting off from The Firs at 11.00am. The letter has been amended on our website.

PTFA Fun Run Thursday 16th and Friday 17th

Last week, you received the information about the PTFA fund run which we are holding in school time this week. Thank you in advance for all your support in getting sponsors for your child.

On the day when your child will have their session to take part, they will need to be in their PE kit. The table below sets out when each class will be participating:

| Thursday 16th June | Friday 17th June |
|--------------------|------------------|
| Oak Class | Hazel Class |
| Willow Class | Saplings |
| Elm Class | Cedar Class |

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| Maple Class | Beech Class |
| Holly Class | Pine |

Head for the day

Congratulations to Parker, who did a great job as our headteacher for the day last Monday! 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 Parker went on a tour of the School and Saplings and the children were very excited to meet their new headteacher!

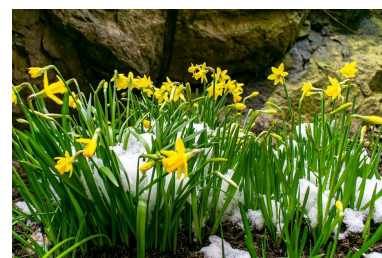
He was very busy on the day, going on playground duty, helping the office staff with many jobs, such as reading the electricity metre, delivering items to the classes, helping put up a banner and signing important documents!

He also went on a health and safety inspection with our Premises Manager Mr Lees and a cloakroom tidiness inspection with our Business Manager Mrs Jukes.

Parker had a super 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 Parker!

Pine Colouring Competition

A few weeks ago, we were contacted by Sarah Carne, the local PCSO for Ampt Hill and Flitwick. As part of her aim to build good relationships with schools and the children, she organised a colouring competition for YR children in Ampt Hill.



The theme was spring. To help give the children ideas for their spring picture, we brainstormed the changes which happen, for example, signs of new life and the weather becoming warmer. We were impressed with the thought that the children put into their pictures!

Sarah chose three winners from each school and their spring pictures are displayed in Waitrose window, so please take a moment to have a look if you go past. We want to say a big well done to all the Pine children who took part but a special congratulations goes to the three winners- Georgina, Shaan and Sam.

The children were invited to a presentation on Saturday 28th May where they received a certificate and a prize.



Quad Kids and Tennis Events

In assembly on Monday we congratulated all the participants in the recent Redborne Sports Partnership events.

We said a particular well done to those taking part in the Quad Kids event last Friday, who were commended by staff for their superb attitude, positive approach and sportsmanship.



Fair Play Football at The Firs!

Congratulations to all our Y2 and Y3 Saturday Morning Football players who both won the Fair Play Trophy at the recent Clophill Football tournament. In assembly we presented both sets of players with their trophies and we talked about how proud we were of them all!



Yours sincerely,

Adam J G Campbell
(Headteacher)