

## Hello and Welcome back!

Who else feels like they blinked and found themselves in the second half of the Autumn term! It has been a very busy start to this school year and The Firs Lower School PTFA have been working hard to make this coming year as amazing if not better than the last. As always we want to make sure that everyone is kept informed on what is happening so we are bringing back our half termly newsletter. We will also be utilising more of our social media as well as the notice board outside the front of the school, so please look out for those in the next few weeks. Before we fill you in on what has been and will be happening we wanted to say a huge thank you to everyone who has supported us, either through volunteering, or by attending our events so far and to ask that you keep it up in any way you can. **Together we are helping to create an outstanding environment for all the Firs children!**

## Highlights so far...



### ICE LOLLY SALE

In September we held an ice lolly sale in the playground and outside Pine. As the weather was so fine it proved to be a big hit with all the children and even some parents!

### LEARN TO BRAID EVENING

13th October saw a new event organised by the PTFA, a braiding workshop run by Braid Maidens. Those attending were taught how to do fishtail and Dutch braids as well as other hair tips and tricks. The evening was a great success and there were some great hairstyles sported by children the following day.



### KS1 AND KS2 DISCO

A fabulous time was had by all at this terms disco with the children dancing away to music provided by a DJ, snacking on treats and getting adorned with tattoos on the Thursday before Half term break.

## RWI BOOKS

One of the main fundraising objectives for the PTFA last school year was funds to purchase the school a full set of Read Write Inc books. We are happy to report that we managed to do this and we hope that all the children at The Firs are enjoying using their new books!



## Whats coming up...

The PTFA has been busy planning and this half term sees a lot of exciting things happening especially as we go into the Festive season! We currently have the following things for the children to look forward to:

- **The Christmas Craft Activity Day & Santas Grotto** this is being held on Saturday 26th November
- **The Firs Christmas Panto** (held in December during school)
- **The Saplings Christmas Entertainer** (held in December during school)
- **Santa's visit** (held in December during school)

As always in order to make all this happen we need as many people as possible to take part and also help the PTFA put on these events!

With the Christmas Craft Activity Day & Grotto being the next event we are asking for your help with the following:



## XMAS CRAFT - RAFFLE DONATIONS

We will be running a raffle on the day and we are asking for parents and cares to provide donations for it, as in previous years. A separate letter will go out with details of what to donate but please keep in mind that we will need the donations in by the 14th November!

## SANTAS GROTTTO

We are looking for volunteers to Play Santa and his elves at both the Santas Grotto at the Christmas Activity Day and for the Santas visit in school at the end of term. If anyone fancies themselves as Santa or an Elf please let us know!

