

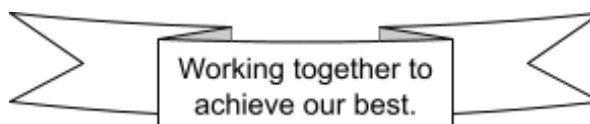


Newsletter

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Dear parents/carers,

Easter Bunny Spotted at The Firs!

Great excitement was generated outside school this morning with the appearance of the Easter Bunny outside The Firs!

Grafham Residential Trip

The Year 4 children had a simply fantastic time at Grafham Water on their residential visit last week. We were very lucky with the weather, especially considering the way the weather has been this week!

After all the disruption from Covid in the last two years, it was fantastic to be able to run the residential visit in its entirety and the children all thoroughly enjoyed the experience.

The children all entered into the occasion in a very positive and mature fashion and were so superb as a group. They entered into all the activities enthusiastically and supported each other in a very caring way. They should all feel very proud of themselves for what they achieved.



I would like to say a thank you to all the Y4 parents and carers for supporting us in the preparations for this visit. I also want to say a big thank you to all the staff who attended. They were a fantastic team too! Lastly, I would like to say how much we all appreciate

the efforts of Mrs Baker, supported by Mrs Ware and Mrs Eddie, who worked very hard behind the scenes to organise everything!





Parent Questionnaire

Thank you to all the parents / carers who submitted responses to the parent questionnaire, this is now closed and we will begin to analyse the results. As usual, we will share a summary with parents next term.

Science Week

It was lovely to see the huge number of Science Week Quiz sheets returned, thank you to all the children who took part. We announced the winners in our Easter Assembly today. Congratulations to all the winners and a thank you to the PTFA for their kind donation which enabled us to purchase science facts books for the winners.

Staffing Update

Mrs Everett, the teacher in Elm, will be beginning her maternity leave after Easter. We would like to take this opportunity to thank her for her contribution this year and wish her the very best wishes as she begins her maternity leave.

We will be welcoming Mrs Sandra Herrick, who will be teaching in Elm class after Easter. She has already worked in both classes in Y3 this term and everyone in the Y3 team is looking forward to working with her next term.

I also want to take this opportunity to say goodbye to Mrs Prior who worked in Conkers. She has made a fantastic contribution to our Early Years team and she will be greatly missed. I know however she is moving onto a great new opportunity working with the Local Authority Early Years Team and we wish her the very best of luck in her new venture.

I was delighted to inform Pine parents yesterday that we will be joined after Easter by Adrienne Foster, who will be joining us shortly after Easter, to work alongside Mrs Mazzezy in Conkers. Mrs Foster has a wealth of Early Years' experience both as a Senior Early Years Practitioner and as a member of the Local Authority Speech and Language Therapy Team. We are very excited at the prospect of working with her and we are confident she will make an excellent contribution to our team in Pine.

Sadly, for personal reasons, Danielle Worts has needed to resign as a practitioner and Deputy Leader in Saplings. We are very sad to see her leave us but we wish her the best of luck in the future.

I am delighted to be able to let you all know however, that Michelle Watts, a very experienced Saplings practitioner, has been appointed to the Deputy leader position. I am sure that I speak for Angie and all the Saplings team, when I say that everyone is very much looking forward to working with the new leadership team in Saplings next term.

Easter Assembly

Today we held our final assembly for this term.

Our assembly was made all the more special as we were joined by Mrs Pearson Chair of the PTFA and Mrs Davies

We have gradually been returning to doing assemblies in the hall and this week we have been holding assemblies with all the children present together. The children and staff have really enjoyed the feeling of returning to normal and all being together again.

After entertaining all the staff with their singing at the end of the Singing Assembly yesterday, we asked Mrs Freeman (who leads the Singing Assemblies) to lead the children in singing for us in our Easter assembly. The children all sang with a gusto that was really uplifting, for them and for us! Well done to them all!



During the assembly we said thank you and goodbye to Mrs Prior.

We also announced the winners of the Science Week Quiz.

Finally we announced the winners of the Easter Egg raffle which created an exciting climax to the assembly for the children!

A big thank you to The PTFA for all their efforts which have made the end of term so much fun for the children.

We Really Need Your Help - Vacancy for a Midday Supervisor to Start in May 2022

We are looking to appoint a Midday Supervisor from May 2022 to work with children in Y2. You will be working 2 days a week from 12.00 - 1.20pm, Tuesdays and Wednesdays supervising children on the KS1 playground and in the dinner hall. The salary, depending on experience will be £1121 - £1166. You will also have the opportunity to cover lunchtimes, where needed in staff absence. We have a lovely team of Midday Supervisors and would love to hear from you!

A full description of both posts, including an application form can be found on our website. Please email sue.acourt@firslower.org if you are interested.

PTA Raffle

The PTA are running a raffle alongside the ball and a poster is attached for your information - thank you for your support.

Flitton Flitt Fun Runs

Please see attached information about the Flitton Flitt Fun Runs which are taking place in May.

Final thoughts

Well done to all our children for all their hard work this term. Thank you to all our parents and carers for all the support given to help children with their learning. Finally, a big thank you to all the staff for their commitment and the care shown to all our children.

I hope everyone has a very enjoyable Easter break.

We look forward to seeing you all again on Wednesday 20th April.

Yours sincerely,



Adam J G Campbell

