

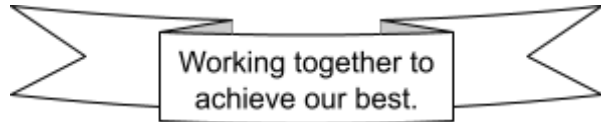


## Newsletter

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**Chair of Governors:** John Ashley

**Governors:** Annette Anderson, Franco Cameli, Adam Campbell, Louise Haigh, Kerry Mercer, Tom Stean and Stuart Hobbs

Dear parents/carers,

### Open Evening

Last Tuesday we held our open evening for parents of children who are due to start school in September 2023.



It was a very successful evening with many prospective parents attending. We started the evening off with a short talk delivered by myself and Mrs Mercer and then the parents were given the opportunity to talk to our teachers in the hall, meet some of our PTFA, have a glass of wine and sample some Caterlink food which was prepared by our Kitchen Manager.



We then had 5 tours of the school happening at the same time and our superb Y4 Ambassadors and Y4 School Councillors did an amazing job accompanying

the parents on their tour which included our wonderful new library and sensory room which was created by Mrs Gaulton, our Inclusion Manager.

We had very positive feedback from the many parents who attended and I would like to thank all the staff who helped make this evening possible. I would also like to thank our Y4 Ambassadors and Y4 School Councillors for attending and contributing so much to our evening and to our PTFA for supplying and serving drinks and to our Kitchen Manager for providing food.

## The Firs Marks Remembrance and Armistice Day



On Friday 11th the Firs marked Armistice Day as we normally do, with a minute's silence at 11:00 am. Teachers spoke with the children beforehand to explain the purpose and significance of the event. Well done to all our children who marked the event in a very sensible and thoughtful manner.

Thank you to our School Council members who have been running our Poppy sales table after school over the last few days. Thank you also to everyone who gave generously and bought a poppy or another item from the table.

## Remembrance Day

On Sunday 12th members of the School Council accompanied by Mrs Jukes and I represented the school at the annual Remembrance event at the Amptill Cenotaph.

After the address by Reverend Dominic Holroyd there was a 2 minute silence and following a reveille wreaths were laid. Our School Councillors conducted themselves very well and we were very proud of them.

## Grafham Form Meeting - Wednesday 16th November

We would like to remind you that on Wednesday 16th November 3:45 - 6:00 pm we will be giving Y4 parents / carers an opportunity to come into school and meet in Y4 to complete the Grafham Water medical form. In previous years parents / carers have found this to be a valuable opportunity to ensure the form contains all the necessary information and to talk to staff about any aspects of the visit they would like to discuss.

## Children In Need - Friday 18th November

As we said in our recent letter, the school will be celebrating 'Children in Need' day on Friday 18th November.



- we would like everyone, pupils and staff, to wear something spotty or paint spots on your face to mark the occasion!
- This will be a non uniform / fundraising day, with donations collected via the ParentPay link below.
- Gift Aid will be an option, adding an extra 25% to your donation.
- [The Firs Lower School, Fundraising for Children In Need 2022](#)
- Buckets will be available on the day, for children to bring their pennies in, if they would like to make a donation.
- During the week beginning 14th November, we will have some 'Children in Need' merchandise which we will be selling from the staff room window.

Yours sincerely,

Adam J G Campbell