

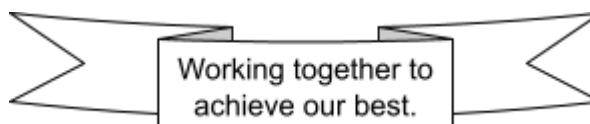


Newsletter

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Dear parents/carers,

Y4 Grafham Water Residential Trip

The children had a fantastic time on their residential visit to Grafham Water last week. They took part in a range of activities including rock climbing, cycling, archery, bushcraft, sailing and problem solving. The Grafham Water experience is a central part of our curriculum that contributes significantly to children's personal development.



I wanted to take this opportunity to congratulate all our fantastic Y4 children for entering so positively into the event, for meeting their own personal challenges and for the great sense of teamwork that all the children showed, as they supported each other, throughout the time we spent together.

I wanted to thank all our Y4 parents for their support with the event, including of course, paying for the associated costs. Finally I would like to say a great thank you to Mrs Baker who, as usual, worked hard to organise the event and of course thank all the staff who gave up their time to join us for all or part of our time in Grafham... it was a great team effort!

Staff Car Park

This is a reminder that you must not use the staff car park unless you are authorised to do so. There are some parents who have been using The Saplings area to park when they do not have a child attending Saplings.

Unfortunately, staff have also been unable to park on occasion, as some parents have been using our parking spaces to drop their child off.

Please be considerate and park elsewhere.

Wear Yellow Day

The school will be having a 'Wear Yellow Day' on Friday 21st April (the first Friday back after our Easter break). Michelle Watts, who is our Deputy Preschool Leader in The Saplings, will be taking part in The London Marathon on Sunday 23rd April to raise money for The Cystic Fibrosis Trust. This will be a non uniform day for all children and staff and we invite you to wear something yellow. This could be a t-shirt, jumper, socks, hair decorations, face paint, or all of the above! You can find out more about the work of the CF Trust and Wear Yellow Day here: [Cystic Fibrosis Trust Homepage | CF Trust](http://www.cysticfibrosis.org.uk)

This is a charity very close to Michelle's heart and we will be asking for a suggested donation of £1 per child on the day, to help her towards raising money for this very worthy cause. Alternatively you can donate to her fundraising page at <https://2023tcslondonmarathon.enthuse.com/pf/michelle-watts>. Anything you can give will be very gratefully received. Thank you so much for your support.

Summer Holiday Club 2023 - [Firs Summer Holiday Club 2022 Booking Form](#)

The Firs will be opening again over the summer for a two week 'Summer Holiday Club' from Monday 24th July to Friday 4th August 2023.

For all children of the Firs Lower School and Saplings Pre-school aged 3 years old and over, we are offering the following sessions: -

- Full Days (9.00am - 4.00pm) for £31.50
- Mornings (9.00am - 12.30pm) for £15.75
- Afternoons (12.30pm - 4.00 pm) for £15.75

Please find above a link to our registration form to book your child's place.

Further details, and all future communications for the Holiday Club, will be from the email address holiday.club@firslower.org. Please ensure this address is added to your contacts to avoid any communications going into your spam folder.

Teaching Talons

Our Y1 children were enthralled by the amazing range of animals brought in by Teaching Talons today.

There were many moments of 'awe and wonder' as children had the opportunity to stroke a lizard and feed a guinea pig. They met an owl, cockroach and a stick insect before being entertained by 'Chip' the dog.

In fact Chip was perhaps one of the highlights of the experience, he certainly won out in terms of the 'ahhhh' factor!



Easter activities in your area

Over the Easter break. The Wildlife Trust have organised an 'Eggcellent Trail' and Ampthill Library is having an Easter event. Please see attached flyers giving you all the information regarding both events.

PTFA Easter Egg Raffle



A very tall Easter bunny came into our assembly today and the children were thrilled. The PTFA Easter Egg Raffle was drawn and the children who won were given an Easter egg. The PTFA also purchased some little Easter eggs, including dairy free ones to give out to every child in school and the Saplings. We would like to thank everyone who supported this by buying raffle tickets and we will let you know in our next newsletter how much was raised from the raffle.

Thank you to our fantastic PTFA who organised this event for all of our children.

We hope you all have a good Easter break and we look forward to seeing all the children back in school on **Tuesday 18th April.**

Yours sincerely,

