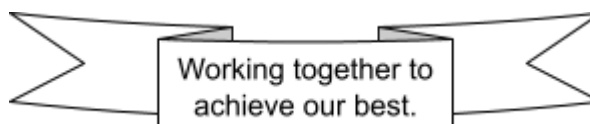




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Dear parents/carers,

Coronation Day at The Firs

On Friday, 5th May we held a Coronation Day at The Firs, and invited the children and staff to come dressed in red, white and blue to add to the fun and celebrations of such a special event.

The children have been spending some of their time over the last week making decorations, including bunting and posters, so that we could make the school hall look very royal and grand for lunchtime today, some also made crowns to wear.

The day started with a Coronation Assembly hosted by Mr Campbell. Martin Lees, our Premises Manager, played the piano as the children came into the hall, and we closed the assembly with our National Anthem.

The Ampthill Town Band came and played for us during lunchtime, based in our inner courtyard at the heart of the



school, where they had an audience of children dancing and singing. They serenaded the children as they ate their fish, chips and mushy peas lunch, which was followed by a pudding of homemade cupcakes fittingly decorated for the occasion.



This has been a very exciting day for all involved, with the highlight of Ampthill Town Band creating such a lovely atmosphere over the lunchtime period. We were extremely lucky with the weather as it just turned as the band completed their performance.

Thank you Ampthill Town Band, for spending the afternoon with us, and thank you to all our staff and the kitchen team for putting on such a fun day for all involved.

Summer Holiday Club 2023 –

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

We still have availability for our Summer Holiday Club, please find above the link to our registration form to book your child's place.





Can You Help With Swimming At The Firs?!

If you can help with some of the swimming sessions we are planning in June, please complete our google form - [Swimming Help Google Form](#). We will use all the offers of support to create a rota for the four weeks and then get back in touch with volunteers, to confirm which sessions we will need help with.

Thank you in advance for your help!

Summer Term Dates Sheet

We have been working on the summer term date sheet and it will be emailed to you tomorrow. This sheet will also be available to download in the [Letters Home](#) section of our website.

Y4 Friendship Forms

Could Y4 parents / carers please ensure they have completed and returned the Alameda friendship form by Wednesday 10th May please, thank you.

Can we remind parents that the letter from Alameda requested 'four or five' names on the list and we suggest that parents try to adhere to this in order to give Alameda the flexibility they need, when balancing other factors.

If you need another copy, they are available from the school office. It is also available to download in the [Letters Home](#) section of our website.

Classes Next Year

In the 23/24 academic year the children who will be in **Year 2, 3 and 4** will be organised into new classes. We realise that although this is a great opportunity to meet and work with new children, it can also cause some anxiety in the short term.

For this reason, we always spend a considerable amount of time designing the new classes, thinking about a range of factors, to ensure we create equal and balanced groups. One of the key factors we look at in this process is children's existing friendships.

Children **currently in Y1, Y2 and Y3** will be bringing home a 'Circle of Friends' sheet tomorrow. It is also an attachment with this newsletter. Please could you work with your child to write the names of **three to five** friends they would like to be with next year. Please make sure you add **at least** three friends on your child's sheet and then we will make sure they are with at least **one** of them in their new class.

Please could you complete the 'circle of friends' sheet and return to your class teacher by **Friday 19th May**.

Thank you in advance for your support.

Yours sincerely,

Adam J G Campbell