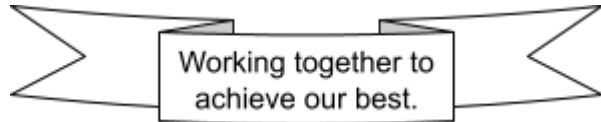




Newsletter

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Dear parents/carers,

Harvest Festival

We were very excited to welcome back our special guest at this year's Harvest Festival, Dominic Holroyd the Reverend from St Andrews Church, who kindly delivered an interesting and engaging assembly around the Jewish Festival of Shelters called 'Sukkot' which celebrates the gathering and abundance of the harvest.

The Reverend then built a shelter to represent a safe, warm place to live and symbolise the one that the Jewish people lived in for 40 years in the wilderness. The children shared what they might put inside their shelter.

The Reverend also spoke about the use of a loaf of harvest bread as a focal point in many harvest displays.

The children brought our assembly to a close singing 'Harvest Samba' and 'Thank Your Lucky Stars' to give thanks for harvest time.

Thank you to everyone for your very generous donations to our Harvest display. The Need Project have collected all the produce, helped by our Year 4 School Ambassadors, and commented that they should have brought a bigger van!



Fun Run Reminder!

Having had to postpone due to the weather, we would like to remind you about the upcoming PTFA Fun Run that will now be taking place all day on Wednesday 18th October. This is a very important fundraiser for the school and the PTFA has sent out a sponsorship form which we hope you are using to support this traditional event at The Firs!

On the 18th, the children will be taking it in turns, one year group at a time, to run round a course on the school field. Staff will be on hand to record how many laps they do and parents are invited to come, watch and cheer the children on!

So that you know when you will be able to come along and support your child(ren) the rota is displayed below:

9:10 - 9:55	Year 4
10:00 - 10:45	Year 3
10:45 - 11:10	Saplings

11:15 - 11:55	Pine
1:40 - 2:25	Year 2
2:30 - 3:15	Year 1

The PTFA have kindly agreed to provide refreshments, so we hope lots of parents will come along and support this fantastic event!

Please note that children should come into school in their PE kit on the day.

PTFA AGM and The New PTFA committee

The PTFA held their AGM last week, which gave us a chance to focus on the important contribution they make to the life of the school.

The PTFA are such a critical part of our Firs family. Through their enthusiasm and commitment, they make sure that there are a steady stream of events and projects that add so much to children's enjoyment of their time at The Firs.

There were so many high points last year, such as the Christmas Craft Fair, the discos, Creative Fair, Amphill Gala Parade and of course the ever popular Summer Party and the AGM gave the school a chance to thank all the PTFA members last year, who worked hard supporting or organising events and to give particular thanks to the committee, to Angela McGovern, Vicki Davies and of course our chair Vicki McQueen.

At the AGM, the leaders of last year's committee stood down and a new committee was elected.

Our new PTFA Chair will be Bryony Forsyth and Pardeep Uppal will be taking the Secretary position. There were many other expressions of interest at the AGM, including from people who were attending online and we will give a complete list of the officers of the committee in a future newsletter.

In the meantime, we would like to thank the new members for agreeing to support the PTFA and wish Bryony and her new team the very best of luck as they embark on another year, organising all the projects and events that are so important to us here at The Firs.

Black History Month

Over the last 2 weeks, children across the school have been taking part in activities linked with Black History Month.

In the next newsletter, we will give an update on some of the work in each year group, to give you more information on how we marked this important annual event.



MacMillan Coffee Morning

Thank you to everyone who supported our MacMillan coffee morning and cake stall at the end of the school day last Friday which raised £275.75. Also a huge thank you to Mrs Rogers who organised this event.

Yours sincerely,